

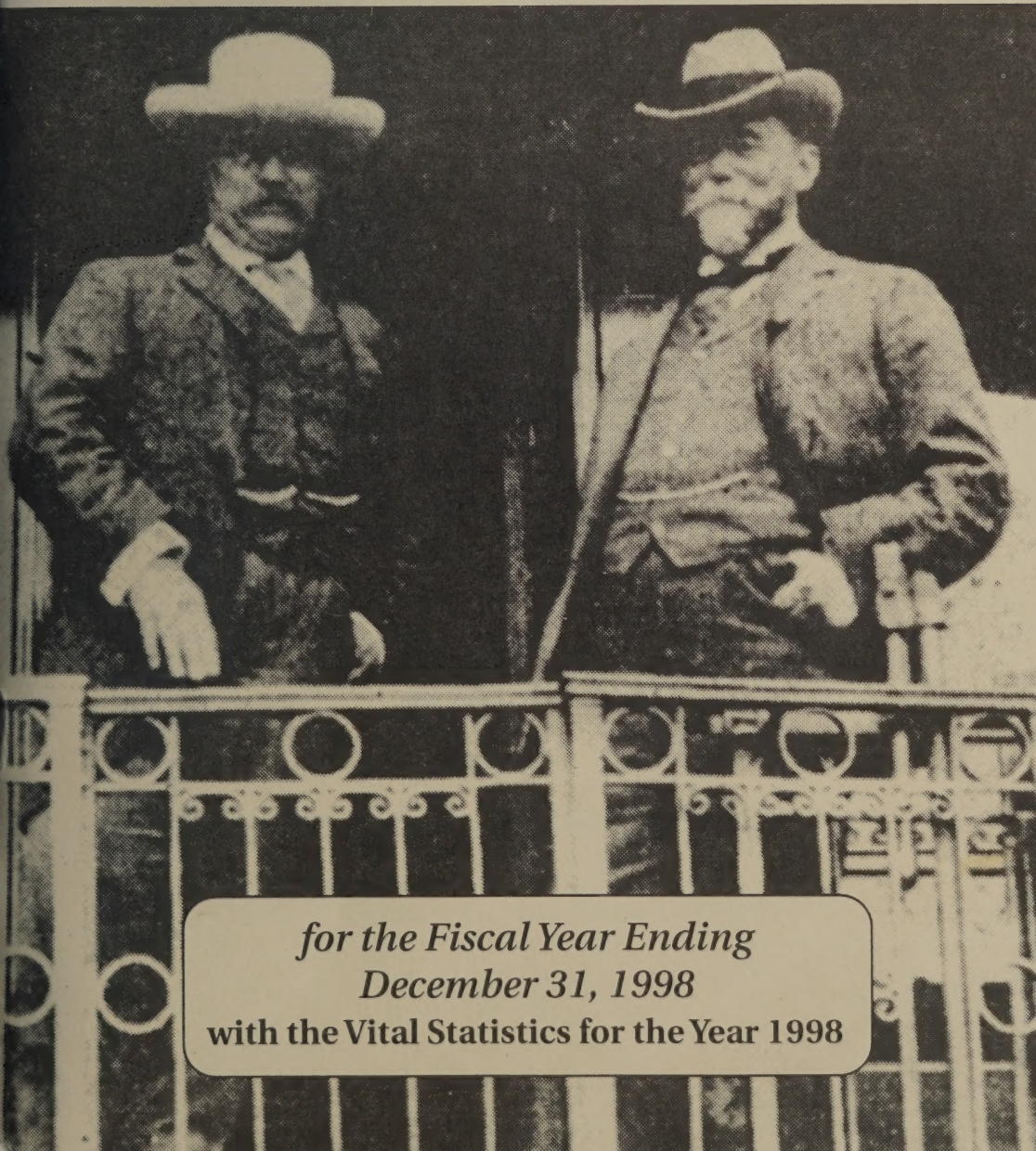
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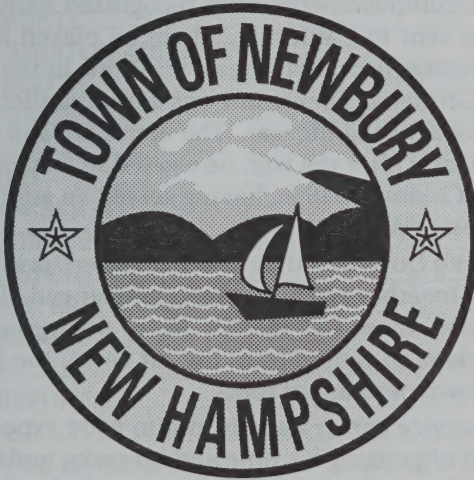


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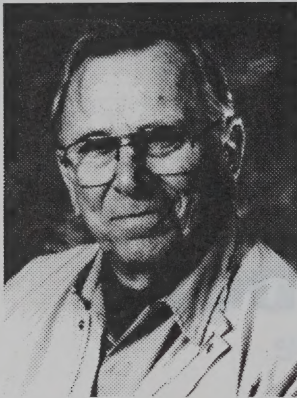
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FRONT COVER: *Summer, 1902 • President Theodore Roosevelt
and Secretary of State John Hay at the Newbury Depot.*

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PAUL J. DIEKMANN

1915 -1998

IN MEMORIAM

Paul John Diekmann was born in St. Martin, Minnesota in 1915, the youngest of eight children. From an early age, he was a go-getter who loved the active life and sports of all kinds. After graduating from St. John's college in Minnesota, he worked briefly for the railroad. Soon, however, aware of the impending war, he elected to exercise his options and sign up with the Air Force.

His athletic accomplishments were recognized early-on in the Air Force, and he was sent to California, where he played football for the service. Other postings included several locations in the United States, Puerto Rico and Germany. Diekmann was a bombardier and navigator and flew 83 missions during the war. The active life and constant challenges suited him, and after the war, he elected to stay in the Air Force. He retired as a Lt. Colonel in 1966, having served an additional 28 years after the conclusion of World War II.

Diekmann's wife Doris and their seven children traveled extensively to keep the family together as Paul's postings changed. Doris had family ties in Newbury, where her mother lived, dating back to the late 1930's. When Diekmann retired from the Air Force, the family came to Newbury to put down permanent roots.

Diekmann's service career had given him wide experience in dealing with people, in organizing his time and his tasks, and in devoting his efforts to causes. His credentials made him an ideal contributor to the community, and this he did with unflagging enthusiasm. After a time working at Sturm Ruger in Newport, where he pursued his interest in guns, he retired to give his energies to the town of Newbury.

Diekmann never lost his dedication to an active life-style and love of the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and sports enthusiast throughout his Newbury years. His contributions to the town were numerous and significant. He served as town selectman for many years, and was also a member of both the Planning and Zoning Boards. He was also a cemetery commissioner, and showed particular concern and caring for the condition of the town cemeteries, placing flags on veterans' graves each Memorial Day.

We are grateful for his generous and caring service to his country, his town, and his friends.

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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen*

James M. Powell, Chairman, term expires 1999

David Kinsman, term expires 2000

William Syvertsen, term expires 2001

Town Administrator **

Dennis J. Pavlicek

Moderator*

Nancy Marashio, term expires 2000

Deputy Moderator*****

Vincent Iacopino

Representatives to the General Court - District I

Avis Nichols Alf Jacobson Peter Crowell

Town Clerk and Tax Collector*

Linda Plunkett Champy, term expires 2000

Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector**

Martha von Redlich

Treasurer*

Debra W. Sias, term expires 1999

Deputy Treasurer**

Diane Rankin

Trustees of Trust Funds*

Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 1999

James Therrien, term expires 2000

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2001

Library Trustees*

Beverly Wolf, term expires 1999

Margaret B. Ames, term expires 2000

Shelly Candidus, term expires 2001

Newbury Member, Kearsarge Regional School Board

Dean Bensley, term expires 2000

**Newbury Member, Kearsarge Regional School District
Municipal Budget Committee**

David Friedline, term expires 2000

Supervisors of the Checklist*

Lane Bellman, term expires 1999

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2001

Al Bachelder, term expires 2003

Cemetery Trustees*

Harold Folsom, term expires 1999

Mary Bachelder, term expires 2000

Wilbert Willis, term expires 2001

Planning Board*

William Weiler, Chair, term expires 1999

Ron Williams, Vice Chair, term expires 2000

Linda P. Champy, term expires 2000

Barbara Freeman, term expires 2000

Richard Martin, term expires 2001

Richard Wright, term expires 2001

Carolyn Cassady, Secretary

Zoning Board of Adjustment*

Dean Bensley, Chair, term expires 1999

Alex Azodi, Alternate, term expires 1999

Del Harris, Vice Chair, term expires 2000

Katheryn Holmes, Alternate, term expires 2000

Suzanne Levine, Alternate, term expires 2000

Robert Howes, term expires 2001

Robert Burton, term expires 2001

Carolyn Cassady, Member, term expires 2001, & Secretary

Chief of Police**

James S. Valiquet

Chief of Fire Department****

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

Officer of Emergency Management**

Ed Thorson

Building Inspector**

Del Harris

Highway Administrator**

Calvin Prussman, Jr.

Family Services Director**

Debra Johnson

Inspectors of Election**

Doris Newell, term expires 2000

Clare Bensley, term expires 2000

Election Officials*****

Doris Diekmann Claire Thomas

Alice Lynn Ann Therrien

Budget Committee**

Ron Williams

Patrick Tighe

William Weiler

Conservation Commission**

Peter Newbern, Chair, term expires 1999

William Annable, term expires 1999

Dean Bensley, Alternate, term expires 1999

William Weiler, term expires 2000

Eric Unger, term expires 2001

Clare Bensley, term expires 2001

Forest Fire Warden***

Dave Smith

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens***

John G. Croteau Kevin Walker

Henry E. Thomas, Jr. Ed Thorson

Michael Bascom

* Elected at Town Meeting

** Appointed by Selectmen

*** State Appointment

**** Elected by Fire Department

***** Appointed by Moderator

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

This year we have directed our efforts towards making Newbury a town that is enjoyable to live in and rewarding to work for. We have received many compliments from both seasonal and year-round residents. The level of concern and cooperation shown by all town employees toward improving the quality of our services is commendable. We also recognize the countless hours devoted to the welfare of the town by our many board members and volunteers who give us the benefit of their expertise and dedication. Thank you.

Management of the transfer station has been put in the capable hands of Cal Prussman, our Highway Administrator. A transfer station review committee is preparing an operations plan that will focus on environmental safety, ease of use, recycling, cost effectiveness, and the site's visual impact on the neighborhood.

The town's computer system was upgraded to handle the changes required in our software for year 2000 compliance.

Mount Sunapee Resort now has a 40-year lease agreement with the state, and has invested over 5 million dollars since July 1, 1998. Tim Mueller, one of the owners, met with us last summer and stated their intention to abide by our town's regulations. He also made a strong commitment to protect our streams and lake. We wished them success and offered our assistance and cooperation.

In December, we had a holiday celebration at the town offices for all employees, board and committee members to thank them for their contributions to the town. More than 40 people came to exchange good wishes and sample the holiday refreshments.

Nineteen hundred ninety-nine will be a very important year for the town. The townspeople are facing several major decisions regarding the control of our children's education and its funding; the privatization of the State Park's ski business and its associated impact; impending changes in our zoning regulations that control business growth and use of private property; operations at the transfer station; upgrades and expansions of our highway, police and fire departments; and the use of our 92-acre Fisherfield property. These decisions will shape the foundation that will be built upon in the next millennium. Points to be considered include:

1. The privatization of the State Park's ski business:

- a. Our streams, lakes, and aquifers must be protected.
- b. Town businesses, including Mount Sunapee Resort, should be allowed to prosper.
- c. Property values and our rural atmosphere should not be diminished.

- d. Mount Sunapee Resort is promoting itself as a private four-season resort.
- e. The state has not provided us with any impact studies relating to additional pressures on town services, traffic flow, population increases, or business growth.
- f. Mount Sunapee Resort, as a private for-profit business, should comply with all the town's rules and regulations just like all the other businesses in town.

We will monitor the activities at Mount Sunapee and try to mitigate any harm to our waters by random stream testing, wastewater oversight, and review of water protection measures during times of high use. We will also do our best to anticipate the comprehensive impact resulting from this privatization.

2. Zoning rules and the use of your private property:

- a. Should promote the health, safety and general welfare of the residents.
- b. Enhance and preserve the value and natural beauty of our lakes, ponds, and environment.
- c. Conserve the value of buildings and encourage the most appropriate use of land.
- d. Should not diminish our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.
- e. Newbury should be cautious and proceed slowly when it comes to allowing new businesses and expansion of the business districts. This process should include extensive public debate; the character of our town is at stake.

We understand there is a small loss of individual liberty associated with a zoning ordinance, and this loss must be offset by gains for the majority. Some rules and regulations favor self-serving groups at the expense of our rights. We will keep informed about any new proposed rules and challenge them publicly if we feel they are not in the best interests of Newbury's residents and property owners.

3. Upgrades and expansions of our Highway, Police and Fire Departments:

- a. Newbury is fortunate to have experienced professionals leading these departments.
- b. We expect each department head to provide effective, cost-efficient operations.
- c. Proper tools, equipment, and facilities are a must.
- d. Training and re-certification should be responsibly job specific.

We will also review job descriptions and mission statements. These will be revised if necessary to accommodate 10 to 15 years of town growth and be consistent with the Master Plan.

Newbury's boards, committees, employees and citizens all play a critical role in the success of our town's future. We would like to thank you all for your efforts in making Newbury a great place to live. All of the warrant articles and elected positions you will be voting on will set the direction and tempo of Newbury for years to come. Citizen volunteers have authored these articles. If you feel the options are too limited, that means we have too few citizen volunteers. Volunteerism is the energy source that makes a great town. Your involvement is needed and welcome.

Newbury Board of Selectmen

Jim Powell, Chairman

Dave Kinsman

Bill Syvertsen

Photo: Ed Candidus



TOWN CLERK REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1998

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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued\$241,368.84
Dog Licenses Issued 1,106.50
Boat Registrations6,434.35
UCC Filings815.96
Vital Record Filings 1,050.00
Miscellaneous Filings 164.00
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Arriving at Lake Sunapee



TREASURER

General Fund 1998

Receipts

Received from Tax Collector	\$4,211,388.78
Received from Town Clerk	250,939.65
Received from State of NH	136,794.60
Police Private Duty	5,427.55
Police Reports	499.00
Police Fines	1,007.50
Cemetery Lots	800.00
Building Permits	5,418.20
Pistol Permits	140.00
Workers Compensation Fund Dividend	4,289.74
Reimbursements	15,068.79
Planning Board	2,603.17
Zoning Board	2,315.43
Recycling	8,196.36
Interest on Checking Account	6,848.72
Copies	17.75
Sale of Town Property	16,091.84
Parks and Recreation	1,400.00
Sale of Tax Maps, Taxpayer Lists	444.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (Hay Estate)	18,258.00
KRSD	83.96
Cable Fee	4,201.08
Donation	200.00
Miscellaneous	3,263.49
FEMA Reimbursement	102,937.00
Library Project	169,422.51
Highway Revenue	463.05
Total	<u>\$4,968,520.17</u>
Transfers from Investment Accounts	\$2,685,414.92
Beginning Balance January 1, 1998	<u>\$41,008.44</u>
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance	<u>\$7,694,943.53</u>
Selectmen's Orders Paid	<u>(\$7,642,512.28)</u>
Balance on December 31, 1998	\$52,431.25

Debra W. Sias, Treasurer

INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Lake Sunapee Bank

Balance January 1, 1998	\$30,121.56
Plus: Interest earned	1,194.41
Balance December 31, 1998	\$31,315.97

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 1998	\$485,268.59
Plus: Interest earned	8,922.63
Transfers from General Fund	1,150,000.00
Less: Transfers to General Fund	1,205,000.00
Balance December 31, 1998	\$439,191.22

NHPDIP - Library Fund

Opening Balance 5/98	\$98,000.00
Plus: Interest earned	9,987.35
Transfers from General Fund	330,167.15
Less: Transfers to General Fund	126,252.36
Balance December 31, 1998	\$311,902.14

Certificates of Deposit

Opened 12/14/98	\$300,000.00	Matures 2/14/99
Opened 12/14/98	\$300,000.00	Matures 3/14/99

Blodgett Sewer Reserve Account

Balance January 1, 1998	\$10,515.52
Plus: Interest earned	416.97
Balance December 31, 1998	\$10,932.49

Blodgett Sewer Checking Account

Balance January 1, 1998	\$1,044.22
Plus: Interest earned	10.04
Balance December 31, 1998	\$1,054.26

Blodgett Sewer Money Market Account

Balance January 1, 1998	\$49,369.69
Plus: Interest earned	2,379.02
Balance December 31, 1998	\$51,748.71

Conservation Commission

Balance January 1, 1998	\$19,569.64
Plus: Interest earned	429.77
Transfers from General Fund	3,022.50
Balance December 31, 1998	\$23,021.91

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 1998

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Purpose	PRINCIPAL					INCOME			GRAND TOTAL Of Principal and Income, End Year
			Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Security Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	
CEMETERY FUNDS											
VARIOUS	Cemetery Funds	Perpetual Care	13,298.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,298.76	19,835.17	1,621.53	0.00	21,456.70
	TOTAL		\$13,298.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,298.76	\$19,835.17	\$1,621.53	\$0.00	\$21,456.70
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS											
1972	Edith K. Eaton	Scholarship	538.74	100.00	0.00	85.00	553.74	0.00	15.00	15.00	0.00
	TOTAL		\$538.74	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$553.74	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	0.00
LIBRARY FUNDS											
1954	Jennie J. Folsom	Library Fund	2,992.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,992.56	80.41	71.83	80.41	71.83
1966	Shirley Powers	Library Fund	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	26.87	24.00	26.87	24.00
	TOTAL		\$3,992.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,992.56	\$107.28	\$95.83	\$107.28	\$95.83
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS											
1962	Town of Newbury	Highway Equip.	84,188.53	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	134,188.53	0.00	4,729.79	0.00	4,729.79
1971	Town of Newbury	Fire Equipment	145,595.18	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	155,595.18	50,331.10	11,586.78	0.00	61,917.88
1984	Town of Newbury	Police Equip.	18,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	21,200.94	6,799.06	571.91	497.15	1,069.06	0.00
1993	Town of Newbury	Ambulance Fund	9,248.87	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	12,248.87	285.16	490.78	0.00	755.94
1996	Town of Newbury	Recreational Facility	10,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	192.69	552.28	0.00	744.97
1997	Town of Newbury	Revaluation	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	13.35	567.44	0.00	580.79
	TOTALS		\$267,032.58	\$88,000.00	\$0.00	\$21,200.94	\$343,831.64	\$51,374.21	\$18,424.22	\$1,069.06	\$86,729.37
GENERAL TRUST FUNDS											
1977	Town of Newbury	Dock Repairs	15,154.84	1,000.00	0.00	196.37	15,958.47	0.00	781.31	781.31	0.00
1984	Town of Newbury	Town Buildings	10,356.84	5,000.00	0.00	6,985.64	8,371.20	169.59	651.43	821.02	0.00
1987	Town of Newbury	Cem. Monuments	1,299.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,299.66	272.38	80.64	0.00	353.02
1995	Town of Newbury	Office Equip.	9,635.27	3,000.00	0.00	11,413.07	1,222.20	403.34	457.59	860.93	0.00
	TOTALS		\$36,446.61	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,595.08	\$26,851.53	\$845.31	\$1,970.97	\$2,463.26	\$353.02
	GRAND TOTALS		\$321,309.25	\$97,100.00	\$0.00	\$39,881.02	\$388,528.23	\$72,161.97	\$22,127.55	\$3,554.60	\$90,634.92
											\$479,163.15

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Accounts Fiscal Year Ended: 12/31/98

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	1998	Levies of 1997	1996	Prior
Uncollected Taxes				
Beginning of Year:				
Property Taxes		\$263,360.45	(\$1,282.57)	(\$3,616.52)
Yield Taxes		\$293.88		
Sewer Taxes		\$6,961.16		(\$142.07)

Taxes Committed to Collector

This Year:

Property Taxes	\$4,025,111.00
Land Use Change Tax	\$6,045.00
Yield Taxes	\$27,563.33
Sewer Taxes	\$52,114.00
Gravel Activity Tax	\$11,798.00

Overpayment:

Property Taxes	\$5,533.80	\$273.00		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Tax	\$3,419.55	\$21,191.80		
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$4,131,584.68	\$292,080.29	(\$1,282.57)	(\$3,758.59)

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Remitted to Treasurer

Fiscal Year:	1998	1997	1996	Prior
Property Taxes	\$3,754,318.27	\$261,727.10	(\$1,282.57)	(\$3,947.52)
Land Use Change Tax	\$6,045.00			
Yield Taxes	\$27,563.32	\$293.88		
Sewer Taxes	\$44,769.85	\$7,339.94		(\$142.07)
Interest on Taxes	\$3,419.55	\$21,191.80		
Gravel Activity Tax	\$9,223.00			

Abatements Made:

Property Taxes	\$3,521.00	\$4,102.75		
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Uncollected Taxes

End of Year:

Property Taxes	\$272,805.54	(\$2,196.40)		\$331.00
Utilities	\$7,344.15	(\$378.78)		
Gravel Activity	\$2,575.00			

Total Credits	\$4,131,584.68	\$292,080.29	(\$1,282.57)	(\$3,758.59)
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	1997	Levies of		Prior
		1996	1995	
Unredeemed Liens				
Balance, Beg. FY		\$50,483.60	\$28,409.13	\$1,864.41
Liens Executed				
During Fiscal Year	\$85,600.79			
Interest & Costs				
Collected after				
Lien Execution	\$791.65	\$3,224.53	\$8,086.39	
Total Debits	\$86,392.44	\$53,708.13	\$36,495.52	\$1,864.41

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	1997	1996	1995	Prior
Redemptions	\$23,392.20	\$23,337.16	\$20,407.65	(\$46.32)
Interest/Costs				
(After Lien Execution)	\$791.65	\$3,224.53	\$8,086.39	
Refund on Overpayment				(70.12)
Liens Deeded				
to Municipalities		\$1,821.26	\$7,799.00	\$1,980.85
Balance of				
Unredeemed Liens				
End of Year	\$62,208.59	\$25,325.18	\$202.48	
Total Credits	\$86,392.44	\$53,708.13	\$36,495.52	\$1,864.41

South Newbury Village

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The selectmen, town administrator, department heads, board chairmen and administrative assistant did an excellent job of documenting expenditures in 1998, projecting requirements and cost changes, and developing 1999 budget requirements and justifications. The General Operations budget is presented in the Town Report on 34 budget line items totaling \$1,590,299, which reflects an 8.64 percent increase over the 1998 budget. This includes improvements at Blodgett sewer which will not impact taxes. Also, revenues are forecast to be higher and our local assessment will be larger, thereby resulting in a town tax increase of only 6 cents, or 1.5 percent increase in the town portion of the tax rate.

Over 140 line items were presented, analyzed, and justified in developing the General Operations budget. The department heads and board chairmen presented their cost analyses and their respective budgets, provided analysis and justification for each line item, and outlined future plans and requirements. The selectmen and budget committee members challenged various line items, discussed basic requirements and alternatives, compared estimates to expenditures, and identified changing conditions to minimize budget increases while meeting the town's needs. Significant changes in the budget which account for basic public services provided by the town are addressed below:

The Police Department budget increase of 5.82 percent reflects added training, equipment, and uniforms for new police officers, and additional hours for administrative assistant services.

The Fire Department increase of 10.16 percent provides for new medical life-saving equipment and replacement medical supplies.

The Safety Communications budget increase of 37.2 percent reflects higher charges for dispatch services.

The Highway Department maintenance budget increase of 5.96 percent provides for full staffing, necessary tools and supplies, and necessary bridge repairs.

The Highway Department road reconstruction budget (separately budgeted from the overall Highway Department expenses) increase of 25.2 percent is required for implementing and continuing the 5-year plan for grinding, shimming and repairing town roads.

The Solid Waste Administration increase of 30.17 percent will provide for additional transfer station personnel to improve recycling operations, control waste disposal, and improve services.

The Solid Waste Disposal budget increase of 20.4 percent reflects increased bulk and tonnage hauling and disposal costs.

The Debt Service interest increase of 142.8 percent reflects the interest expended on the library expansion project, offset by donations received by the library.

The Budget Committee supports the General Operations budget and thanks all those involved for their carefully considered contributions.

Ron Williams, Budget Committee

Newbury Cut and Profile Rocks



SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

1998 Assessed Valuation

Value of Land Only:

	Acres	Valuation	Totals
Current Use	10,747	\$466,554	
Residential	7,897	128,688,966	
Commercial/Industrial	2,922	2,081,350	
Total of Taxable Land	21,566		\$131,236,870
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$8,927,344)			

Value of Buildings Only:

Residential	\$95,484,250	
Commercial/Industrial	4,412,300	
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$99,896,550
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$7,595,900)		

Public Utilities:

Electric	\$1,381,013
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VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS

Blind Exemptions (Number: 1)	\$15,000	
Elderly Exemptions (Number: 6)	220,000	
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		(\$235,000)

Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate is Computed

\$232,279,433

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Taxes:

State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation and/or Flood Control Land	\$931
Other (John Hay Nat'l Wildlife)	18,258

TAX CREDITS

	Limit	No.	Tax Credit
Totally & permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and widows of veterans	\$700	1	\$ 700
Other war service credits	\$50	86	4,400
Wood Heating Credits	\$75	6	450
Total number of amount		102	\$5,550

NEWBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library completed a successful capital campaign that raised more than \$140,500 from private sources to offset the appropriation of \$425,000 approved by voters at town meeting in March 1998. Donations for the renovation project were turned over to the town to establish a Library Fund, which has been earning an average of 5% interest since last July. The library also received \$2766 in additional income during 1998. These monies came from sales, donations, and trust fund and bank interest. About \$1500 was used to supplement our book budget while other amounts were designated for a specific purpose in the new library, such as a certain piece of furniture. Many of our donations are given to be used "as needed." All of these donations help us keep our costs to the public down and we are very grateful to all our contributors.

In addition, the library received an anonymous gift of more than \$50,000 with the express condition that it be expended in addition to the town's appropriation to enhance the new library, especially in the area of technology. We are deeply grateful for this gift and are excited to make our library one that will carry us well into the future.

The old library was vacated in September 1998. The trustees and staff, with the help of many volunteers, moved most of the collection and other library property to the basement of the town office building, and set up temporary quarters in the community room. Construction of the new building began in October, and is ongoing.

Consistent with the trend of recent years, the library's patronage, circulation, and interlibrary loan activity increased significantly in 1998, even though the library was closed for part of September, temporarily eliminated Monday hours after November, and operated out of make-shift quarters for the last quarter of the year.

Renovation Project. The new building is scheduled for completion in the spring of 1999. The trustees and staff anticipate that the library will be closed while the new library is being set up. A grand opening is planned by or before mid-1999.

Patronage and Circulation. More patrons visited the library and checked out more books in 1998 than ever before. The increase over the past two years is clear.

Patronage and Circulation: 1998 vs. 1997 vs. 1996

	1998	1997	1996
Patron visits	4,078	3,759	3,166
Grownups' books	3,545	3,058	2,846
Children's books	2,539	2,253	1,933
Total books	6,084	5,311	4,779

Even though the construction process disrupted library operations, the 1998 figures represent a 29% increase in patronage and 27% increase in circulation over 1996.

Children's Story Hour. Julia Allen continued as volunteer coordinator of the weekly children's story hour program. In 1998, total attendance was 394, including 253 children and 141 adults. The library welcomes preschoolers to story hour. The program is held at the library on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. following the school schedule, and at the harbor gazebo in the summer.

Friends of the Library. The Friends continued their valuable work organizing and participating in the annual Christmas tree lighting, the summer reading program, and the Fourth of July parade. 1999 will be a busy year for the Friends and they are looking for members to plan events and fund-raising activities to support the opening of the new library. New ideas and new faces are warmly welcomed!

Disabled Access. The new library building will be accessible to the disabled. In addition, the library will continue to deliver materials to the homebound upon request.

Interlibrary Loan. Interlibrary loan activity, both automated and manual, increased in 1998.

Interlibrary Loan Activity: 1998 vs. 1997 vs. 1996

	1998	1997	1996
Book requested	413	261	206
Books received	396	256	162
Books lent	90	58	0

Automation. In 1998, the library continued to build its computerized catalog. In addition, with donated funds, the library purchased new software to provide a user-friendly public access computer catalog and to allow barcoding of materials and streamlining of control over circulation and inventory.

The new building will have public access terminals for using the catalog, the Internet, and a variety of other applications.

With federal funds obtained through a grant from the state library, the library purchased a fax machine, which will be set up in the new building. The fax machine will allow for prompt access to magazine articles.

New Materials. The library acquired 350 new books in 1998, including 110 children's books. Several audiobooks and CD-ROMs were also added.

Please Visit the Library. The library has a wide variety of resources for your leisure reading and to help you find information. The library is a friendly and comfortable place, and our services are free.

The Library Needs Your Help. The library welcomes volunteers to help with library activities. Also, please consider joining the Friends of the Library. We want you to share in the excitement of opening a brand-new, up-to-date facility in 1999 and we appreciate your support.

Newbury Library Board of Trustees

Meg Ames, Chairperson

Beverly Wolf, Treasurer

Shelly Candidus, Secretary

Librarians

Alan Brown

Alice Lynn

Newbury Public Library, December 1998



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society held its annual meeting in July at the Center Meeting House. In addition to the usual business, Alice Lynn, Margie Weiler, Tracy Messer, and Joe Cronin were elected directors. Our featured speaker was Joe Cronin who spoke on "Newbury Since 1800: How Should We Tell the Rest of the Story."

Thanks to money from the town, we have begun to monitor the temperature and relative humidity in Sherman Hall where the Society's collection of books and papers is being stored. When we have collected data for a year, we will engage an engineer to design a system which will keep the temperature and humidity constant. This will go a long way toward preserving the town records, some of which are more than two hundred years old.

Our membership now stands at 33 family members, 27 individual members, and one business member. In addition we have 17 lifetime members. During the year we sold four postcard sets, 92 copies of "The Beginnings" book, and 17 copies of "Newbury, Past and Present" which was published by the Grange some years ago. We also received \$120 in donations.

The Treasurer reports that our working fund balance is now at \$2314.44. Our conservation and preservation fund continues to have a balance of \$1050.78. We have \$1700 in certificates of deposit, the interest from which pays the dues of the life members.

Active interest in the Historical Society remains at a low ebb, but a small nucleus of Directors is keeping it going. We have a wealth of genealogical and historic data which we are trying to preserve for future generations, as well as make available to researchers today. We welcome the interest of anyone who would like to share our mission. The financial support we receive from our members is greatly appreciated.

The Historical Society collection is kept in Sherman Hall, South Newbury which is open to the public by appointment from April through October. Call Bill Weiler at 938-2892. Access to the collection may be arranged through other Board members as well.

William Weiler, President
William Annable, Vice President
Margaret Weiler, Treasurer
Alice Lynn, Corresponding Secretary
Directors:
Joseph Cronin
Tracy Messer
Barbara Steward
Marion DeRoche

The Fells

Friends of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge

The Friends of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge had an excellent year in 1998, despite the rough start from January's ice storm. Thanks to assistance from the town of Newbury, we were encouraged to apply for FEMA reimbursement, and were able to clean up the hazardous tree limbs all along the entrance drive to The Fells.

A February open house and workshop on "Caring for Your Storm Damaged Trees" launched our educational program season. Our three main focuses, horticulture, the environment, and history, were represented in a series of courses, workshops, tours, and special events that carried us through to October. Highlights included free Thursday afternoon walks, a Star Party in August, and a reading and booksigning by the eminent naturalist and writer John Hay, grandson of Secretary of State John Milton Hay. Our biennial Garden Tour, "The Gardens of Lake Sunapee," included several private gardens in Newbury and concluded with an afternoon tea at The Fells.

The Friends concentrated our preservation efforts in two areas: the main parking lot and the gardens. The upgraded parking lot at the Refuge's main entrance along Route 103A met approval criteria from both state and federal agencies, and was built in August by H&L Construction in Newbury. Topsoil was removed, drainage systems put in place, and crushed gravel brought in to fill the area, which can now accommodate 20 cars with one handicapped space. The grassy field still provides overflow parking.

Garden rehabilitation continued with more planting in the Rock Garden to form a broad sweep of spectacular bloom and foliage from the edge of the Rose Terrace deep into the woods. Contributions from The Garden Conservancy and several private donors help support this effort. In addition to on-going garden and grounds maintenance, the Friends focused our year-end efforts on tree pruning and removal of dead or dying trees.

New this year was The Shop at The Fells. Located in the Gatehouse reception area, it complemented our retail plant sales area and was open from June through October. The Shop carried a wide range of books, gardening supplies, and our signature T-shirts and tote bags. The Main House was once again open for guided tours on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day to Columbus Day.

The Friends are independent managers of 63 acres of the Wildlife Refuge, and raise our operating funds through membership, admissions and sales, special events, and other donations. We acknowledge generous grants from the Upper Valley Community Foundation and the Bird Foundation. The State of New Hampshire completed its commitment for the re-painting of the Main House. The federal appropriation that will provide for restoration of the deteriorating buildings and systems on the Refuge will be administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, with actual construction probably beginning in the year 2000.

The Friends' agenda for the coming year includes strengthening our educational mission by continuing to plan for a year-round classroom and library at the Gatehouse. We look forward to building our membership base and forging stronger relationships with the local community. Our continuing identification as a Garden Conservancy project, and our cooperating partnerships with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and the Lake Sunapee Protective Association will help assure a broad range of high-quality programming. It is our hope that the Hay Refuge will be valued not only as a sanctuary, but as a favorite educational resource as well.

Maggie Stier
Executive Director

Catching the train at Newbury Station



INFORMATION BOOTH

The Newbury Harbor Information Booth was open five hours a day, five days a week from Memorial Day through mid-September. The 1998 season got off to a slow start due to cool, wet weather. However, by mid-July and during August activity reached a peak of 20 to 25 cars stopping daily for information about activities in the area, places to dine, hiking trails, lodging hotels/motels, boat rentals and places to launch, plus many other questions about the area.

The new location of the refurbished "Welcome to Lake Sunapee" sign caught the eye of many visitors and prompted them to stop for lunch or to just sit at the picnic tables and take in the beautiful view of the lake. This spot also attracted many scuba divers, due to the ideal access to the lake.

Visitors came from almost every state as well as from China, Poland, Israel, and Wales. All were most friendly and left the area with the words I heard repeated over and over: "We'll be back!"

Violet Jones, Staffer

Violet Jones and visitor, summer 1998



Kearsarge Regional School Board

Among the many advantages enjoyed by Newbury residents is a good school system. SchoolMatch, an independent nationwide service which helps families of corporate employees evaluate schools, ranks the Kearsarge Regional School District among the top 14% of schools evaluated. We continue to emphasize improvement in the core curriculum while maintaining a strong and growing program in art, music, and foreign language.

All schools in the District have a formal school improvement plan. Newbury students attend Bradford Elementary where Mr. Scott Bouranis is the new Principal, replacing Sharon Knapp who had to cover two schools. Over the last couple of years, Bradford Elementary has emphasized improved teaching of writing and math with excellent results. Our students perform well above the State average in the NH Assessment test in math and more than 90% of the students met the goals for improvement in writing. Our new emphasis is the improvement of reading at all grade levels. A "reading recovery program" provides an intensive remedial program to bring students up to grade level in first grade. An expanded summer reading program, new reading texts, the addition of more reading teachers, and an emphasis on reading across the curriculum should all contribute to improvement.

Much has been accomplished at the Middle School. The enthusiasm of teachers and students is showing results in many ways. A revision of the math program has increased threefold the number of students taking algebra. New approaches to team teaching are resulting in better continuity across the curriculum. A program to teach study skills is beginning to show results and should help students throughout their learning career. Discipline problems have improved dramatically both within the school and on the buses. Participation in extracurricular programs has grown substantially with 64% of the students participating in either choral or instrumental performances. The enrichment program which we started last year has been received with enthusiasm by students and parents.

Student enrollment at the High School has increased even more rapidly than we forecasted. Over the past two years our student population has increased almost 20%. At the same time a number of teachers retired resulting in a turnover of approximately 20%. This has made it difficult to achieve the improvements that we had hoped for. Nevertheless, the High School continues to score above State average in the Assessment Tests and the quality and depth of our curriculum remains excellent.

The Coop programs in culinary arts, health occupations, and graphic arts have exceeded our expectations. Not only do these programs provide excellent job opportunities for those students who do not expect to go to college, but they also give students a reason to do better in their other academic studies. In next year's budget we plan to expand these programs and add a pre-engineering program which will provide technician training for those starting work and an opportunity to sample engineering for those considering it as a college program. This is a nationally recognized program and we have received grant funding to help with the cost.

To assure the continued strength of the District, we need increased citizen participation. It is difficult to find candidates for School Board or Budget Committee. Attendance of parents at meetings to discuss school improvement initiatives or performance on State testing is minimal. There are many opportunities to participate. Each school has a Principal's Advisory Committee. The School Board welcomes citizens to join our subcommittees. Volunteers are welcomed in the schools and on extracurricular activities. Please help to strengthen our partnership.

Dean E. Bensley, Chairman

Newbury Station 1998 (Photo: Ed Candidus)



CEMETERY TRUSTEES

As soon as possible following the January ice storm, the commissioners were out surveying the damage to our cemeteries. This evaluation was necessary so that the town officials could submit funding requests for cleanup.

In March the town accepted three burial grounds as part of our cemetery oversight: Gillingham burial ground on Gillingham Drive, Twiss burial ground on Old Post Road, and Simons burial ground on the Newbury/Sutton town line.

Cleanup in the cemeteries was completed by late May and mowing was begun. Flags were up just in time for Memorial Day weekend.

The trustees remarked several plots in Chandler cemetery. Signs were repainted and replaced on all major locations.

In November the white fence at South Newbury Cemetery was replaced.

All in all, we have had a busy and productive year.

A reminder that all burials must be postponed during winter months.

Cemetery Trustees:

Harold Folsom

Mary Bachelder

Wilbert Willis

Twiss Cemetery



PLANNING BOARD

This year was a busy one for your Planning Board. In addition to regular monthly meetings to hear applications for subdivision and site plan review, the board met regularly to work on projects such as rewriting regulations and preparing amendments to ordinances.

The Planning Board's major accomplishment this year was rewriting the Site Plan Review regulations to make them more readable and easier to follow. There was little change in substance and procedure. It is expected that applicants will come in better prepared which will allow the board to speed the review process.

In its day-to-day work the board was kept busy with hearings and reviewing conceptual plans. The board approved one major subdivision plan, three minor subdivisions, six annexations, and four lot line adjustments. The board also reviewed conceptual plans for three minor subdivisions, two annexations, and one lot line adjustment. Three site plans were reviewed and approved and five site plans were reviewed on a conceptual basis. Also, for the first time, the board reviewed and approved an application for an earth excavation permit.

During the latter part of the year, the board reviewed the zoning ordinance for any needed revisions and listened to citizen suggestions for changes. Most of the amendments being presented at the 1999 town meeting are primarily for clarification. However, two of the amendments took a lot of time and board discussion. One breaks up the commercial strip that currently runs the entire length of the town and instead groups businesses into three zones. The other is an attempt to protect the views of hillsides from patterns of development that are unpleasant to the eye. The board hopes you will take the time to vote on them at the coming town meeting.

I wish to thank the members of the board for their energetic participation this year. Every member gave generously of his or her time and contributed greatly to the work of the board. The town can be thankful for this hardworking team of volunteers.

For those interested in serving on the board, it is not necessary to start out by standing for election. Anyone wishing to see if they would like to serve on the board may apply to the Board of Selectmen to be appointed as an alternate member of the board. Alternates may participate in all board business except for voting and, when a member is absent, may vote in place of that member at the discretion of the chair.

William M. Weiler, Chairman

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as household hazardous waste collections, the nomination of the Cold River to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program, and the Lake Sunapee and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Studies, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

Thanks are due to both the Vermont and New Hampshire legislatures for their continued support. Our Commission has enjoyed close collaboration with the Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley, Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation, and the Upper Valley and Quechee chambers of commerce, and looks forward to a continued productive partnership.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Newbury residents, staff and board members have taken advantage of some of these services. A complete list of services which benefit our members is attached.

In 1998, our work specifically for the Town of Newbury included:

- Participated in Planning Board monthly business meeting by assisting with the review of current applications.
- Helped Planning Board revise the Site Plan Review Regulations.
- Assisted the Planning Board with preparing zoning amendments.
- Coordinated the Lake Sunapee Scenic Byway project involving the towns of Newbury and Sunapee.
- Updated road surface management study for all roads in town.
- Provided copy of aerial photograph of town for reproduction.
- Assisted with interpretation of minor vs. major subdivision.

- Provided two maps for use in Newbury trail mapping and Sunapee Ragged Greenway planning.
- Developed map of conservation land, base features and topography, aquifers and wetlands for Audubon land study in Newbury.
- Assisted with development of town trail map including project planning, obtained approval to provide GRANIT base data. Converted GIS files for use by volunteer.
- Provided information relative to available information useful for beginning local conservation easement inventory.
- Performed traffic counts in seven locations in town.
- Organized a regional household hazardous waste collection at the highway garage and arranged for participation of Newbury residents and residents from surrounding towns.
- Developed a two-page economic and demographic summary for the town and posted it on the UVLSRPC website.
- Worked with local groups in town to prepare a list of important natural and cultural resources which was submitted to the NH Land and Cultural Heritage Commission.

Our Commission looks forward to serving Newbury in the coming year.

Boardwalk at Blodgett's Landing



ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment saw a 30% increase in applications in 1998. Twenty-one appeals were made to the Board and the results of those appeals are as follows:

Eleven Special Exceptions were granted, six with conditions. One Special Exception was unnecessary because the project was in compliance. Seven Variances were granted, five with conditions. Two Variances were denied.

There are no court cases pending.

Of those appeals made to the ZBA, several projects were completed, before the Board's prior approval, in violation of the zoning ordinances. The ZBA is concerned with these violations and encourages residents to ask questions and review all the ordinances before taking any action.

I want to take a moment to thank the members of the ZBA, who continue to volunteer their time to assure that the zoning ordinances and requirements are applied in a fair and consistent manner in Newbury.

*Dean E. Bensley, Chairman
Del Harris, Vice-Chairman and Member
Robert Burton, Member
Robert Howes, Member
Alex Azodi, Alternate Member
Suzanne Levine, Alternate Member
Katheryn Holmes, Alternate Member
Carolyn Cassady, Member and Secretary*

Photo: Ed Candidus



POLICE REPORT

During 1998 the department saw a number of personnel changes. Administrative Assistant Carolyn Cassidy left to pursue another career path. She was replaced by Debi Lacombe. Travis Miller has joined the department as a full-time officer. He has experience as a full-time fire fighter and is an EMT.

A trend I believe worth mentioning is the number of youthful offenders we have had to deal with over the past two years. Nationally there has been a drastic increase in the number of offenses committed by young adults. We have not seen an increase in violence by youthful offenders, but we have had to deal with more incidents involving young people. There is nothing to indicate that this trend will change in the near future.

Chief James S. Valiquet

NEWBURY POLICE CALLS - 1998

	1998	1997	1996
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Assault, Aggravated	0	1	0
Burglary	7	11	5
Thefts	36	63	63
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	0	0	1
Simple Assault	1	4	2
Forgery	1	0	2
Fraud	4	11	4
Recovered Stolen Property	0	0	0
Larceny	1	0	0
Criminal Mischief	22	26	29
Discharge of Firearms	5	0	0
Sexual Offenses	0	2	2
Drug Offenses	9	11	10
Family Offenses	1	1	1
Neglect	0	1	0
Driving While Intoxicated	7	14	5
Liquor Violations	3	8	6
Public Intoxication/safekeeping	25	9	32
Disorderly Conduct	3	1	3
False Public Alarm	1	0	1
Disturbance Fight	5	1	4
Domestic Dispute	7	12	8
Harassment by Phone	4	7	1
Noise Complaints	10	12	8
Unwanted Guest	1	7	1

	1998	1997	1996
Breach of the Peace	2	0	2
Fireworks Complaints	1	3	9
Resisting Arrest	1	1	0
Criminal Threatening	2	3	2
TOTAL	37	47	39
Other Offenses (Non-Traffic)	0	2	0
OHRV Complaints	0	0	2
Paper Service	7	12	0
Trespassing	6	8	7
Warrant Service	2	2	0
Restraining Orders	7	8	1
Violation of Town Ordinance	26	0	1
Littering	0	5	0
TOTAL	48	37	11
Juvenile Offenses			
Truancy	0	0	1
Incorrigible	2	0	2
Runaway	8	0	2
Other (Delinquency)	3	16	0
TOTAL	13	16	5
Miscellaneous Traffic Complaints			
Abandoned Motor Vehicles	8	11	9
Traffic Hazard	25	28	46
Parking Offenses	6	13	6
Motor Vehicle Lockout	5	6	4
All Other	25	33	34
TOTAL	69	91	99
Miscellaneous Calls			
Found Property	15	12	23
Hazard Non-motor vehicle	8	21	20
Lost Property	7	14	10
Lost or Stolen Plates	3	4	1
Missing Person (adult)	0	3	3
Missing Person (juvenile)	4	3	7
Police Information	54	81	63
Safekeeping	4	11	37
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	35	55	57
Other Miscellaneous Calls	59	71	102
TOTAL	189	275	323
Motor Vehicle Accidents			
Personal Injury	8	6	15
Property Damage Only	46	44	34
TOTAL	54	50	49

	1998	1997	1996
Motor Vehicle Violations			
Summonses	104	142	207
Written Warnings	943	974	856
Motor Vehicle Checks	20	11	25
Complaints	1	25	3
Misdemeanor Arrests	2	9	0
Operating without License/2nd	1	0	7
Defective Equipment Tags	34	28	18
TOTAL	1105	1189	1116
Assists			
Emergency Medical	55	62	57
Fire	24	18	35
Other Police Agency	142	129	93
Public	57	122	104
TOTAL	278	331	289
Service			
Vacant House Check, request	17	80	88
Vacant House Check	86	273	110
Business Checks	64	100	855
Unsecured Building	6	8	11
Pistol Permits	7	6	10
Brady Bill Checks	0	0	0
Lockouts	11	20	17
Escorts	0	21	0
VIN Verification	0	2	0
TOTAL	191	510	1091
Animal Complaints			
Dog Ordinance Violations	26	42	39
Dog Bite	1	3	2
All Other (dog)	25	24	44
Complaints (other than dogs)	8	15	21
TOTAL	60	84	106
Alarms			
Commercial	28	13	24
Public Building	2	8	6
Residential	84	69	59
TOTAL	114	90	89
Community Contacts	11	5	97
Untimely Death	1	1	4
Directed Patrol	19	93	129

NEWBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 1998 we saw a 36 percent reduction in calls. The calls are listed below.

When reporting an emergency, please give the correct street name and house number where the emergency is, or the street and any landmark which will help us respond to emergencies outside the house. If you have an alarm system, make sure the alarm company has your correct street name as well as your house number. Without this information, we lose valuable time in responding to calls.

Please post your house number on your house or, if the house is set back from the road, on your mailbox or a sign at the end of your driveway. Also report any missing street signs to the Town Office so replacements can be installed.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Henry Thomas, Jr., Fire Chief

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Assistant Chief: David Smith

Captain: Kevin Walker

Lieutenant: Colin Nelson, Ed Thorson,

Michael Dunn, James Valiquet

Clerk: James Drewniak

Treasurer: Robin Parkhurst

Communications: David Kinsman

Prevention: George Mellen

Medical: Pam Drewniak

Standing Committee: John Croteau,

George Mellen, Robin Parkhurst

DEPARTMENT CALLS 1998

Auto Accident	11
Boat Accident	1
Falls/Trauma	8
Mutual Aid	8
Chimney Fires	2
Vehicle Fires	0
Fuel Spill	1
Cardiac Problems	4
Smoke/Odor Problems	5
False Alarm	2
Brush Fire	4
In-house Medical	24
Respiratory Problem	2
Laceration	3
TOTAL	75

BRADFORD RESCUE SQUAD

In 1998, the Bradford Rescue Squad responded to 250 calls; these calls were a variety of medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents and assistance on fire scenes.

Our squad is currently comprised of 22 members: 10 from Bradford, 8 from Newbury, and 4 from Sutton. In addition to answering calls in Bradford, we respond to parts of Newbury, Sutton, and Warner. Bradford Rescue is proud to be one of the few remaining volunteer rescue squads that does not charge for its services.

In May, we reluctantly accepted the resignation of Carl and Gail Olson, both past captains of Bradford Rescue. Carl devoted 20 years and Gail 19 years of volunteer service to our community. We wish them much happiness and uninterrupted sleep in their "retirement."

To provide evening (6 pm - 6 am) coverage to our towns, Bradford Rescue is made up of 5 teams of 3 or more volunteers. Each team also covers one weekend every 5th week. During the daytime hours, we respond on an "all call" basis, which means that whoever is available will respond. As a majority of our calls occur during daytime hours, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly recognize several members who respond to most (if not all) of the daytime calls. Preston Starr and Dick and Sue Vitale have done an incredible job making sure that when there is an emergency, someone responds. All of our members put in many hours of service, but the daytime crews have been outstanding. To fully understand how much of their day is spent, the average call takes 1.5 to 2 hours. Some days we have more than one call. At this writing, we need volunteers willing to take an EMT course so we may continue our work.

Our sincere thanks for your continued financial support. It is because of you that we are able to supply and maintain our ambulance. We also are working toward purchasing a new defibrillator.

As always, in case of emergency, dial 911. Please clearly post your house number so we can find you! Best wishes for a healthy and safe year.

Mary Beth Fenton, Captain
Dick Vitale, Driver, Lieutenant
Ralph Carroll, EMT, Supply
Felicia Starr, EMT, Training Officer
1998 Roster

Kate Bailey, EMT
Jim Powell, EMT
Alan McCartney, EMT-Paramedic
Mike Dunn, EMT-I
John Simonds, EMT
Christine Nelson, EMT
John Niederriter, Driver
Jim Valiquet, EMT (1 pending)

Sue Vitale, EMT, Treasurer
Preston Starr, EMT-I, Maintenance
Jenn Simonds, EMT (1 pending), Secretary

Karen Hall, EMT-I (paramedic pending)
Rick Bailey, EMT
Linda Powell, EMT
Bud Nelson, Driver
Peter Fenton, Driver
Lee Ann Freire, EMT
Mark Goldberg, EMT



NEWBURY FOREST FIRE WARDEN & STATE FOREST RANGER

Once again, Newbury had a very fire-safe year, even with a record number of permits being issued. I thank you all for your understanding and cooperation in dealing with the state forest fire laws. Our biggest ally is the telephone. Call with your questions, plan ahead for permits, and continue to report smoke that you question.

One area of the state law that we need a better understanding of is the hiring of someone else to burn on your property. Before a permit can be issued, we need to see written landowner permission for that person to burn on your property. Also, all permit fires must be attended until they are completely extinguished.

I am continuing to upgrade our firefighter safety and hand tool equipment. We are in good shape, but need to stay up to date. My thanks to the Newbury Fire and Police Departments, New London Dispatch, H&H General Store (for issuing permits), Newbury Deputy Wardens, and my wife Jennifer for taking so many calls.

David G. Smith
Newbury Warden
(938-5925)

1998 FIRE STATISTICS (reported through December 23, 1998)

Fires Reported by County		Causes of Fires Reported	
Belknap	44	Smoking	59
Carroll	89	Debris Burning	38
Cheshire	67	Campfire	29
Coos	18	Power Line	14
Grafton	43	Railroad	9
Hillsborough	232	Equipment Use	24
Merrimack	108	Lightning	16
Rockingham	121	Children	95
Strafford	64	OHRV	6
Sullivan	12	Miscellaneous	53
		Unknown	140
		Fireworks	6
TOTAL FIRES	798	Arson/Suspicious	16
TOTAL ACRES	442.86	Illegal	231
		Rekindle	43
		Disposal of ashes	19

Please contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

Ten Forest Rangers work for the state Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. They are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. For more information, call 271-2217.

The 1998 January ice storm caused severe damage to New Hampshire forests. This created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. For information dealing with ice-damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978. Early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

Douglas C. Miner
NH State Forest Ranger



Budget for the Town of Newbury, N.H.
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999

Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3,v	Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
General Government			
Executive	\$92,434.00	\$92,962.00	\$99,487.00
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	5,582.00	5,915.00	1,950.00
Financial Administration	56,825.00	56,957.00	59,732.00
Legal Expense	12,000.00	16,475.00	12,000.00
Personnel Administration	127,096.00	125,729.00	124,100.00
Planning & Zoning	11,967.00	14,342.00	12,750.00
General Government Buildings	21,148.00	21,343.00	23,464.00
Cemeteries	10,771.00	10,385.00	11,271.00
Insurance	31,000.00	29,718.00	31,000.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	1,253.00	1,253.00	2,549.00
Other General Government	3,700.00	2,597.00	3,700.00
Public Safety			
Police Department	164,297.00	148,451.00	173,854.00
Ambulance	1,000.00	255.00	1,000.00
Fire Department	42,704.00	35,902.00	46,980.00
Building Inspection	3,550.00	2,875.00	3,550.00
Emergency Management	100,530.00	98,057.00	100.00
Other Public Safety (including Communications)	14,294.00	12,869.00	19,613.00
Highways and Streets			
Administration	507,292.00	483,543.00	571,821.00
Street Lighting	15,630.00	14,542.00	15,200.00
Sanitation			
Administration	37,385.00	44,423.00	48,665.00
Solid Waste Disposal	76,000.00	92,870.00	91,500.00
Solid Waste Recycling	1,500.00	1,656.00	1,500.00
Health			
Health Agencies and Hospitals	10,341.00	10,341.00	14,011.00
Welfare			
Direct Assistance	7,650.00	12,603.00	9,410.00

Culture and Recreation

Parks and Recreation	18,025.00	18,341.00	18,945.00
Library	18,440.00	18,440.00	19,980.00
Other Culture and Recreation	3,050.00	2,733.00	3,050.00

Conservation

Purchases of Natural Resources	825.00	228.00	825.00
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Debt Service

Principal, Long Term			
Bonds and Notes	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00
Interest, Long Term			
Bonds and Notes	7,415.00	7,415.00	18,002.00
Interest on TAN	500.00	0.00	500.00

Capital Outlay

Land & Improvements	28,000.00	28,000.00	16,317.00
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	37,270.00	37,270.00	218,627.00
Buildings	425,000.00	126,252.00	34,500.00
Improvements	0.00	0.00	34,200.00

Operating Transfers Out

To Special Revenue Fund	52,097.00	49,613.00	53,346.00
To Capital Reserve Fund	88,000.00	88,000.00	88,000.00
To Expendable Trust Funds	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,108,571.00	\$1,786,355.00	\$1,959,499.00
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SOURCE OF REVENUE

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year
Taxes			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$10,000.00	\$6,045.00	\$12,000.00
Yield Taxes	17,000.00	28,244.00	26,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	20,000.00	18,258.00	20,000.00
Other Taxes	6,000.00	6,434.00	6,500.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	50,000.00	36,714.00	45,000.00
Excavation Activity Tax	0.00	9,223.00	13,500.00
Licenses, Permits and Fees			
Business Licenses and Permits	4,000.00	2,497.00	6,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	220,000.00	240,932.00	250,000.00
Building Permits	6,000.00	5,419.00	6,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,500.00	1,214.00	1,500.00

From State

Shared Revenue	7,000.00	8,345.00	11,000.00
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	18,000.00	23,695.00	25,000.00
Highway Block Grant	73,000.00	72,267.00	75,000.00
Forest Land Reimbursement	931.00	979.00	979.00
Other	7,000.00	7,471.00	7,000.00
From Other Governments	0.00	102,937.00	0.00

Charges For Services

Income from Departments	20,000.00	24,154.00	20,000.00
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Miscellaneous Revenues

Sale of Municipal Property	15,000.00	16,092.00	15,000.00
Interest on Investments	30,000.00	36,199.00	38,000.00
Other	120,000.00	108,500.00	15,000.00

Interfund Operating Transfers In

Special Revenue Funds	52,097.00	50,527.00	78,346.00
Capital Reserve Fund	22,270.00	22,270.00	200,000.00
Cemetery	0.00	0.00	1,200.00

Other Financing Sources

Long Term Bonds & Notes	325,000.00	310,000.00	0.00
"Surplus"	50,000.00	50,000.00	57,000.00

TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS	\$1,074,798.00	\$1,188,416.00	\$930,025.00
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,959,499.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues	930,025.00

Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$ 1,029,474.00
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board

Town of Newbury, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Newbury management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

In our opinion except for the effect on the general-purpose financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Newbury as of December 31, 1997, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newbury. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C., CPA's
Laconia, New Hampshire
April 10, 1998

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE - DECEMBER 31, 1997

ASSETS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUNDS	ACCOUNT GROUPS		TOTALS
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT	MEMO ONLY	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$648,823	\$115,649	\$314,332		\$1,078,804	
INVESTMENTS	485,269		371,477		856,746	
TAXES RECEIVABLE	337,181				337,181	
ACCOUNT'S RECEIVABLE		6,961			6,961	
DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS		946			946	
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt and Other Obligations				224,751		224,751
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,471,273	\$123,556	\$685,809	\$224,751	\$2,505,389	
LIABILITIES	GENERAL FUND		TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS	GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT	MEMO ONLY	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$31,006				31,006	
DUE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT	1,237,856				1,237,856	
DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	946				946	
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES						
CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS			282,340		282,340	
COMPENSATED ABSENCES				79,001	79,001	
LONG TERM DEBT				20,750	20,750	
				125,000	125,000	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,269,808		\$282,340	\$224,751	\$1,776,899	
FUND EQUITY						
FUND BALANCE - RESERVED						
ENCUMBRANCES						
ENDOWMENTS			17,829		17,829	
FUND BALANCE - UNRESERVED						
DESIGNATED		29,477				
UNDESIGNATED	201,465	94,079	385,640		29,477	
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$201,465	\$123,556	\$403,469		\$728,490	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$1,471,273	\$123,556	\$685,809	\$224,751	\$2,505,389	

TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - 1999

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury in the County of Merri-mack in said state qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Office Building in said Newbury on Tuesday, the ninth (9th) day of March, next at One of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To vote on amendments to existing zoning ordinances.
3. To see if the town will vote to approve the provisions of RSA 287-E relative to playing games of bingo and lucky seven in Newbury.

The town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 10, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at the Safety Services building.

4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,590,299 for general operations:

	1998	1999
1. EXECUTIVE OFFICE	\$92,434	\$99,487
2. ELECTION AND REGISTRATION	5,582	1,950
3. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	56,825	59,732
4. LEGAL EXPENSE	12,000	12,000
5. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	127,096	124,100
6. PLANNING	9,461	10,214
7. ZONING	2,506	2,536
8. GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	21,148	23,464
9. CEMETERIES	10,771	11,271
10. INSURANCE	31,000	31,000
11. REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	1,253	2,549
12. TOWN REPORTS	3,700	3,700
13. POLICE DEPARTMENT	164,297	173,854
14. FIRE DEPARTMENT	42,104	46,380
15. FOREST FIRES	600	600

16. BUILDING INSPECTION	3,550	3,550
17. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	100	100
18. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	329,192	348,821
HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION	178,100	223,000
19. STREET LIGHTING	15,630	15,200
20. TRANSFER STATION	114,885	141,665
21. HEALTH AGENCIES, CAP	10,341	10,511
22. WELFARE	7,650	9,410
23. INFORMATION BOOTH	2,800	2,800
24. PARKS & RECREATION	18,025	18,945
25. LIBRARY	18,440	19,980
26. CONSERVATION COMMISSION	825	825
27. HISTORICAL SOCIETY	250	250
28. INTEREST-TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES	500	500
29. SEWER DEPARTMENT	52,097	53,346
30. BOND/NOTE PRINCIPAL & INTEREST	72,415	83,002
31. AMBULANCE DEDUCTIBLES	1,000	1,000
32. SAFETY COMMUNICATION SERVICES	14,294	19,613
33. CAPITAL OUTLAY	43,000	34,944
TOTALS	1,463,871	1,590,299

5. To hear the reports of the town officers, agents and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,000 for the following existing capital reserve funds. (Recommended by the selectmen).

FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$10,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	50,000
POLICE CRUISER	10,000
AMBULANCE	3,000
RECREATION FACILITY	5,000
REVALUATION	10,000

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19- a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established. (Recommended by the selectmen.)

DOCKS	\$1,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	5,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	3,000

8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to purchase a new fire truck pumper and to authorize the withdrawal of \$200,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the selectmen.)

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 for a waste oil heater and two (2) new bay doors for the highway garage.

10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for a new garage at the Blodgett sewer treatment plant and to authorize the transfer of \$25,000 from the December 31, 1998 Blodgett special revenue fund undesignated fund balance for this purpose. No tax monies will be needed for this purpose.

11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,200 for paving at the Transfer Station.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for engineering studies, surveys, and analysis of the Fisherfield parcel and to develop trails and appropriate parking.

13. To see if the town will vote to use a small site on the Fisherfield parcel for composting of grass, leaves and wood chips.

14. To see if the town will vote to approve temporary, low-impact uses of the Fisherfield parcel (such as storage of town supplies), to be determined at the discretion of the selectmen.

15. To see if the town will vote to quit claim deed any interest the town may have in Old Bay Point Road, off Route 103 at the traffic circle to where it ends at the State property line, to Henry and Faye Carnevale for the sum of \$1.

16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to help defray the cost of local attendance at kindergartens (other than Bradford-Newbury kindergarten).

17. To see if the town will vote to sell an easement consisting of a certain tract or parcel of land located on the west side of Bay Point Road, which abuts lots #3 and #4 on a map entitled "Whitethorn Enterprises Subdivision, Phase I, Bay Point Road - Newbury, New Hampshire" recorded on April 18, 1972 in Merrimack County Registry of Deeds #2852. The certain tract or parcel is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point along the Westerly side of Bay Point Road, 56 feet in a southerly direction, from an iron pin set in the ground marking the Southeast corner of Lot #5, thence 128.25 feet in a Southerly direction along Bay Point Road, thence 29.36 feet in a Westerly direction to an iron pin set in the ground, marking the Southeast corner of Lot #4, thence following the boundary line of Lot #4, in a Northerly direction to the point of beginning. The certain tract or parcel consists of approximately .04 acres. The buyer is Stephen A. Manzi, for the sum of \$250.00. (By petition.)

18. To see if the town will vote to urge the General Court of New Hampshire, US Congress, and the President of the United States to support and pass meaningful laws reforming electoral campaign financing. Meaningful reform will: Return the political process to the will of the people; Encourage participation by qualified candidates with limited means; Reduce the influence of moneyed special interests on elections and lawmaking; and Restore the principle of "one person, one vote" to elections. (By petition.)

19. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

NEWBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James M. Powell, Chairman

David Kinsman

William Syvertsen

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

1998 was an excellent year for area builders and related trades persons. 80 building permits were issued for a variety of projects, broken down as follows:

- 22 garages
- 22 decks
- 20 additions/renovations
- 16 houses
- 9 barns/sheds
- 6 porches
- 2 in-ground pools
- 1 function/auction hall
- 1 workshop

While these numbers do not add up to 80, please remember that many permits are issued for building more than one structure, such as house and deck, barn and shed, etc. The approval of your building permit application and issuance of a zoning compliance form are only the first steps in undertaking your building project. In order to obtain your permit, you need to complete additional paperwork. Plans, drawn to scale, of all levels of the building are required to determine the square footage and will determine the appropriate fee. Aerial views and/or approximate sketches are not acceptable. Upon review of your plans and payment of the fee, you will be issued the orange cardboard building permit to take with you and display at the job site. Permits are issued on Wednesday evenings at the Town Office, by appointment only. Please call me at home (938-5481) to make an appointment. Evenings are the best time to reach me. Thank you for your cooperation. Have a healthy and prosperous 1999.

Del Harris
Building Inspector

HIGHWAY

1998 started off with a bang with the ice storm on January 7th. This storm was the ultimate test not only for the highway crew but all departments and residents. I would like to take this time to thank all the highway staff as well as the police, fire, town staff, selectmen, local contractors, and volunteers. Without their help it would have been next to impossible to get the town back on its feet as soon as we did.

As for the remainder of the year, the crew kept going with their usual responsibilities which included snow and ice control, grading, brushing, etc. In addition, we worked on several special projects: approximately fifteen miles of roads were ditched and 7,500 yards of gravel were spread; 10,000 pounds of flake calcium and 2,350 gallons of magnesium chloride were applied to unpaved roads for dust control; and 167 tons of cold patch were used on paved roads. Sutton Road was paved and Bay Point Road was reclaimed. Guardrails were replaced on the corner of Baker Hill Road and County Road North, and on the third bridge on Mountain Road. The bridge on Cheney Rd. was replaced, with the work being done by staff. The job was completed in ten days at a cost of \$2,022.89 as opposed to \$20,000 to \$25,000 if the job had been contracted out. Three and a half miles of road were oiled and sanded, and the parking lot at the town dock saw drainage improvements and re-paving. In addition 710 feet of culvert pipe was installed or replaced, many at areas to correct icing problems that have been noted in the past.

The new loader arrived this spring and has worked out very well, and a new dump body was installed on the '86 Mack truck. The rest of the equipment is in good shape with the exception of the grader, which is starting to show its eighteen years.

Again I would like to thank the members of the community, the selectmen, highway, and other Town staff for their support throughout the year.

*Respectfully submitted,
Calvin J. Prussman Jr.
Highway Administrator*

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Activity	1998 Location	1999 Location	2000 Location	2001 Location	2002 Location	2003 Location	2004 Location
Grinding	Bay Point	Bowles	Chalk Pond	Morse Hill	Blodg.Lnd Rd & other town roads at the Landing	Newell Gillingham	Village Old Sutton
Paving	Sutton Rd.	Bay Point	Bowles	Chalk Pond	Morse Hill	Blodgett Town Rds	Newell Gillingham
Shim/ Oil	Sutton Gillingham South	Newell Brown Village, West Rollins Blodgett Pine Washtn.	Village, East Sleepy Gillingham	Mountain Lakewood Birch Bluff	Baker Hill Haynes Newb. Hts. Bell Cove Lakeview	Old Post Fisherfield Birch Grove Stoodley Shore Dr.	
Gravel	Gillingham Brown	Stoney Brk. Fortune Haynes Rollins	Cheney	Mountain	Province Baher Highland	Ramblewd Sun. Hills Rds	

Ice Storm, January 1998



BLODGETT SEWER TREATMENT FACILITY

In 1998, the Blodgett Sewer Treatment Facility enjoyed some long-overdue upgrades.

We replaced the original siphons with four new pumps which provide greatly improved control of filling the beds.

The final beds were re-piped and divided into four sections for better filtering control. New sand was added to the final filterbeds.

The garage building was partitioned into two areas to provide a small office to house lab equipment and documents needed for EPA compliance and state records. A propane heater was also installed inside the building. Two new wooden doors were built for the Inhoff tank to replace the old rusted steel doors.

In 1999, we plan to videotape the collection system as part of an overall evaluation of the total system. We also hope to install a dug well within the coming year which will give us access to water year-round.

Thanks for your continued support.

Tim Mulder
Chief Operator



TRANSFER STATION

1998 was the busiest year in memory at the Transfer Station. The new recycling facility has been up and running since spring and is working out very well in terms of convenience and efficiency. We are once again able to recycle glass and there is no need to separate it by type or color. We have also installed a container for waste oil as part of our recycling effort.

Please remember that pressure-treated, painted or stained wood cannot be burned, and should go into the demolition materials box. If you are unsure of how to dispose of any materials, please check with the attendant. He will be happy to help and provide you with a list of regulations.

Watch for notification of a hazardous waste day for Newbury residents and neighboring communities to be scheduled later in 1999.

REMINDER: Refuse can only be accepted from vehicles with permits. These permits are available from the Town Office and are free for Newbury residents.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our town environment safe and clean.

*Churchill Heselton
Chief Operator*



RECYCLING COMMITTEE

This past fall the selectmen formed a committee to examine the transfer station and make any necessary recommendations which would improve the operation. The committee members are Bill Annable, Ivor Freeman, Suzanne Levine, Hank Thomas, and Dan Wolf. Jim Powell is the selectmen's representative.

The committee met regularly throughout the fall and into the winter. We focused on three items: 1) How to make the operation more user-friendly; 2) how to increase the amount of recycling; and 3) what should be done in the future.

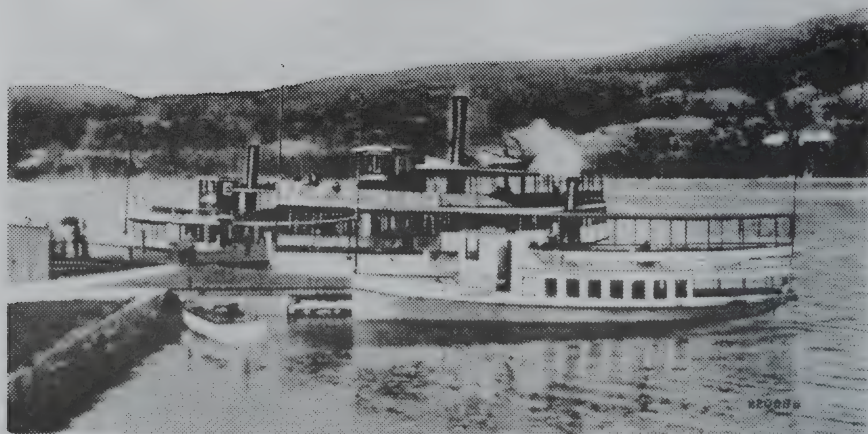
The driveway has been widened to be able to accommodate three cars at the same time. The glass crusher has been repaired and is now in operation. This should allow us to reduce the amount of waste that goes to the incinerator. We have examined the recycling area and are trying to design an easier and more efficient layout.

Much time has been spent on evaluating the collection and disposal of construction material. This has become an extremely costly operation and seems to be increasing out of control, possibly due in large part to the fees being instituted by other towns.

We would like to thank Churchill Heselton for his dedication. The committee welcomes input from all users of the transfer station. We will continue to work to improve the operation of the transfer station to best serve the people of Newbury.

Dan Wolf

Boat Landing, Lake Station



NEWBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This year started on a down note for the Commission. Ken Ames left the Commission due to personal reasons. He did an exemplary job as Chairman and as a conscientious member. He is sorely missed.

The Commission had a busy year. We reviewed 30 Intents to Cut, 3 Buffer Zone tree cutting plans, 8 Minimum Impact Wetland applications (mostly docks), and 6 Dredge and Fill applications (including some for Town Highway's culvert and bridge repair work).

This year the Commission supervised two KRHS student interns from Newbury. They were Sam Teixeira and Hillary Johnson. The two took part in UNH Cooperative Extension's Project SERVE (Students for Environmental Resource Volunteerism & Education) guided by Cynthia Bruss, Project SERVE Coordinator for this area. Sam, short for Samantha, worked on a project monitoring and then comparing and contrasting two vernal pools in town. She then presented her findings to the Commission at one of our meetings. Hillary is currently working on a project involving the possible land uses for the town owned property across from the Transfer Station.

The Commission, led by Clare Bensley, tried to formally obtain rights to use, or purchase, land parcels for the Newbury Cut and the old railroad bed between the Newbury Trading Post and Mountain Rd. This protection effort did not receive enough support from land owners and did not proceed any further.

The Commission worked on and is continuing to work on instituting a set of Bylaws, as well as updating the Newbury Trail Map with graphical information system (GIS) computer files obtained by Bill Annable through the Upper Valley planning group.

Bill Weiler was able to obtain a list of "Protected Lands" in Newbury with an accompanying map. The information includes type of protection (conservation easement, fee ownership), protecting agency, and acreage.

Peter Newbern, Chairman

FISHERFIELD LAND USE COMMITTEE

In November of 1998 the Board of Selectmen gave the Fisherfield Land Use Committee authorization to study potential uses of the town-owned property on Old Post Road. The Selectmen also suggested several potential uses for the committee to consider in their study.

Given this direction, the committee has focused on what the property has to offer to the town, what the townspeople would want from the property; and finally what uses are practical and proper for this land given its location and individual characteristics. Given these objectives, the committee has done the following:

- * Become familiar with the land's natural features through repeated walking.
- * Examined soil information based on NRCS data.
- * Discussed priorities identified in the 1997 Master Plan.
- * Held a public meeting to ask townspeople for their opinions.
- * Asked for input from the Transfer Station Committee.
- * Asked for input from the Highway Department.
- * Asked for input from the Selectmen.
- * Asked reputable local engineering firms to advise the town how best to prepare a site plan for the property, which could help identify suitable uses.
- * Suggested warrant articles consistent with the objective of a cautious approach to the development of this property.

The Fisherfield property covers 92 acres. It has a small pond, three continually flowing brooks, and was recently logged, leaving behind a mixed hardwood forest and much debris. There are old farm roads and logging roads crisscrossing throughout and also a substantial logging landing area at the interior. The land is mostly rolling terrain of moderate to low slope, becoming an extreme slope at the rear of the property. The solar orientation is south to east and spectacular views can be seen of Newbury's eastern hills and beyond from the interior of the property. There is much evidence of deer, moose, and other wildlife and the state has identified part of the property as containing rare plant species and natural communities.

The committee's task is very much a work in progress, subject to the will of the townspeople. Any persons interested in volunteering their energy are welcome and should contact the committee co-chairs.

Fisherfield Land Use Committee

<i>Harry Seidel, Co-chair</i>	<i>Barry Caravan, Co-chair</i>
<i>Alex Azodi</i>	<i>William Annable</i>
<i>Scott Knabb</i>	<i>Linda Powell</i>
<i>Mike Bascom</i>	<i>Dean Bensley</i>
<i>Linda Champy</i>	<i>William Hurley</i>
<i>Jack Iacopino</i>	<i>Richard Wright</i>

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension

UNH Cooperative Extension provides Merrimack County residents with research-based education and practical information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

Because of our partnership with Merrimack County, the State of New Hampshire and the Federal Government, we go by the special name of UNH Cooperative Extension. In every Merrimack County community this partnership is at work, increasing economic development, enhancing the environment and developing human potential.

Merrimack County residents also benefit from statewide Extension programming. Among these many local and state efforts are monitoring water quality in our lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, 4-H and youth development programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low-income families, strengthening our communities, developing a strong volunteer base through our local Advisory Council, Master Gardeners, Family Focus parenting volunteers and 4-H leaders, and providing research-based information to citizens.

A major statewide Extension initiative, Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, has impacted Merrimack County. County staff have worked with many communities in a variety of ways. Community Profiles have been held in Henniker, Loudon and Pittsfield within the past two years. This community event helps community members create a vision about what they want their community to be like and then helps form action groups to work toward their goals. Follow-up support is available from UNH Cooperative Extension staff. If this community process might be of interest to your community, contact the Merrimack County office for more information.

Other community efforts include after-school programs, teen assessment projects, land use management planning, wellness teams, town office visits, master gardeners, working with schools on maintenance of landscaped areas, and providing updated Extension publication notebooks to all town libraries. A family resource center and after-school project in Boscawen sees staff working with the community.

The staff in Merrimack County includes these Extension educators: Judith Bush, Debbie Cheever, Nancy Evans, Tim Fleury, Kathleen Jaworski, Debbie Luppold, John Porter, David Seavey, Marilyn Sullivan and three support staff. Educators reach approximately 1.5 out of every four families in the county.

Visit our office located at 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen (right next to the Merrimack County Nursing Home). We're open Monday - Friday, 8 AM until 4 PM. Call us at 225-5505 and 796-2151 or find us on the web at [HTTP://CEINFO.UNH.EDU](http://CEINFO.UNH.EDU).

Kearsarge Area Council On Aging, Inc.

The Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. provides services and programs to enhance the health, well being, dignity and independence of the senior adults in our nine communities. We continue to celebrate basic beliefs:

- Given the opportunity to share and learn from one another, that older persons are capable of growth and development.
- Seniors, like all people have a need for relationships with others, and to sense achievement.
- To achieve our goals many exciting and diversified activities are offered at our Program Center as well as off-site locations. Among them are:
 - * Education - Computer classes, beginner through Internet & Email.
 - * Library - Books with regular & large print. Plus a new audio cassette section.
 - * Skills - Bridge Lessons, Paint w/Peers, Wood Carving, Quilting and various creative crafts.
 - * Exercise - Chair Exercises, Tai Chi and Walk Your Way Through Winter.
 - * Social - Friday Afternoon Movies, Dominoes, Cribbage and Conversations with Lunch.
 - * Recreation - Hiking, Kayaking, Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing. All of these activities under the direction of our Outdoor Recreation for Seniors program (ORFS).
 - * Health - Hearing screening, flu shots and blood pressure clinics.
 - * Services - Dial-A-Ride (Transportation service). Mr. Fix-It program, Friendly Visitor, Telephone Reassurance, Resource information and Monthly Newsletter.

There are 1,539 members of COA of which 108 are Newbury residents. Over the last twelve months Newbury volunteers have given hours of their time to help provide the services of COA to our communities.

Financial support from Newbury and other area towns accounts for approximately 20% of our required funds. We are asking that \$735.00 be included as an item in the Newbury Town Budget for 1999 to sustain our growth of services, programs and activities for senior adults.

The strength of our mission has been reinforced by the generosity of our 200+ volunteers. This amazing team of people has given thousands of hours helping their neighbors through service and program leadership. A profound thank you to all the special people we call our volunteers! We are deeply grateful to Newbury and other area towns along with donors to our fund drive, foundation grants, advertisers in our newsletter and individual clients for past and future financial assistance.

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. is open to any person 55 years of age or older. For more information concerning participation in any of the services or programs we offer, please call the COA Program Center at 526-6368.

*Sincerely,
Eleanor Goddard
Chairman of the Board*

**COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.**

**1999 KEARSARGE VALLEY AREA CENTER
PROJECTED OPERATING BUDGET**

PERSONNEL:

Area Center Director	\$22,731	
Outreach Worker	5,879	
(30 weeks at 22.5 hours)		
Payroll Taxes/Fringe Benefits	5,906	
		\$ 34,516

OTHER COSTS:

Program Travel 5,000 miles x .28	1,400	
Rent	2,940	
Telephone	2,200	
Postage	370	
Office/Copier & Computer Supplies	1,200	
Advertising	50	
Staff Development	100	
Publications/Subscriptions	295	
Liability and Fire Insurance	375	
		8,930

TOTAL BUDGET: \$43,446

Federal Share: 10% - \$ 4,514
All Town Share: 90% - 38,932
Total: 100% - \$ 43,446

Services Provided to Newbury Residents in 1998

Service	Units Service	Households or Persons	Total Value
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COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM:

a nutrition program that offers participants free nutritious foods to supplement their daily diet. The program serves children under six years of age, women during pregnancy and up to 12 months after the birth of their baby. Food is distributed from our Concord warehouse. Value \$21.55 per unit.

11 Packages	1 Person	\$237.05
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*(An individual may not be enrolled in both the WIC Program and CSFP but a family may have members on both programs.)

CONGREGATE MEALS:

all senior citizens are welcome to our congregate meal sites for nutritious hot meals, social/recreational activities and special events.

Value \$5.99 per meal.	287 Meals	14 Persons	\$1,719.13
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EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES:

provide up to three days of food for people facing temporary food crisis.

Value \$3.00 per meal.	130 Meals	13 Persons	\$390.00
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FUEL ASSISTANCE:

available to income-eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled.

The average benefit for the '97-'98 program was \$359.00.

10 Applications	30 Individuals	\$4,573.82
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CAP TRANSPORTATION:

provides regularly scheduled transportation to and from towns in Belknap and Merrimack counties to medical and professional facilities, shopping centers, and congregate meal sites.

Value \$4.69 per ridership.

160 Rides	4 Persons	\$750.40
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WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN:

provides specific food to supplement daily diet of pregnant or nursing women as well as children under five. Participants receive medical/nutritional screening, counseling and education.

Value includes cost of vouchers and clinical services at \$38.50 per unit.

88 Vouchers	7 Persons	\$3,388.00
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MEALS-ON-WHEELS:

provides the delivery of nutritionally balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week.

Value \$6.17 per meal.	1,036 Meals	16 persons	\$6,392.12
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NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR FUND:

provides emergency energy assistance up to \$250 for those not eligible for fuel assistance.

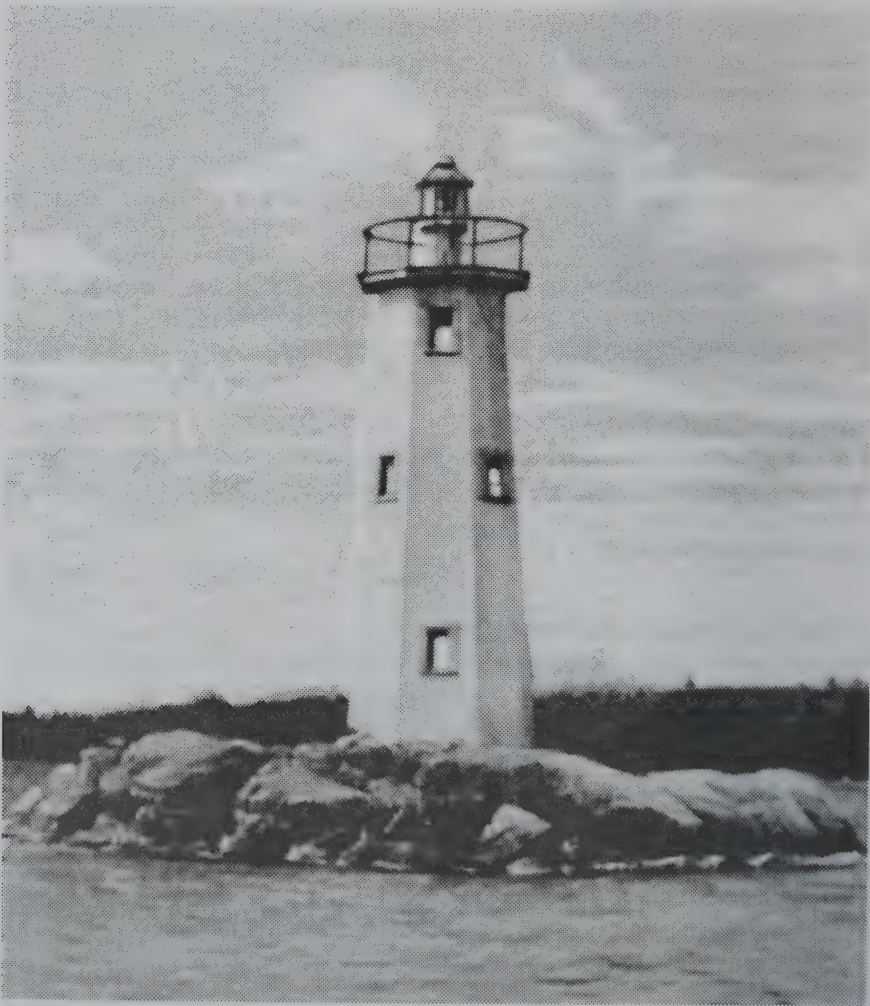
2 Grants	4 Persons	\$379.29
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GRAND TOTAL:	\$17,829.81
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INFORMATION AND REFERRAL:

CAP provides utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked.

Loon Light in Lake Sunapee



**Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse
Association**

Services provided to people of Newbury

Home Health Care:	Visits made: 1,351 to 30 patients
Hospice Care:	Visits made: 143 to 5 patients
Community Clinics / Wellness programs:	Individuals served: 92
Long-term Care:	Hours of Service: 2,912 to 12 patients
Family Health Services and Clinics:	Families served: 106
School-age Child Care / after school / summer:	Children Served: 6

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association cares for people where they most want to be, at home with their family and friends. The tradition of home care that began over 100 years ago has evolved into a highly sophisticated health care delivery system through partnerships with other providers and new medical technology available in the home setting.

What matters most is that home care partners with families, physicians and the community to promote healing and independence; to care for and support individuals and families at the end of life; and to encourage community wellness and education.

Community support is a vital component of this care system because it enables us to provide services to those who lack insurance or resources. The Board of Trustees, staff, volunteers and especially the patients and families who receive care and services appreciate the continued support of the town of Newbury.

*Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Steel
President and CEO*

FAMILY SERVICES

In 1998 the town provided a bit more public assistance than was given the previous year. However, things are looking brighter for several recipients and they are anticipating a better year in 1999.

I would like to thank Pastor Bill Salt, the South Newbury Church, and the Healing Springs Church for their joint efforts again this year in putting together food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. A special thank-you goes to the townspeople who donated goods to supplement those in the baskets.

Community support is of vital importance to those in need and I have obtained agreement from the Board of Selectmen to establish two new welfare programs in our town in 1999.

First, I would like to establish a food pantry in the Town Offices. This would not take away from the food pantry that now operates at the South Newbury Church, but would give those in need another option. There would be no cost to the town as all supplies would be donated by various organizations and from townspeople who are willing to help out those less fortunate.

Second, I would like to organize an Operation Santa Claus for the 1999 Christmas season. This will get under way during the late summer months. If anyone is interested in helping out with this project, please contact me.

Please note my new title of "Family Services Director." I invite any resident who has comments, concerns or questions to be in touch with me through the Town Office. I will be happy to listen and am always looking for suggestions and new ideas. Meantime, I look forward to another year of continued and improved community support.

Debra Johnson
Family Services Director

SUMMER TOWN MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 1998

Chairman Jim Powell opened the meeting by welcoming attendees. He explained that the courtesy summer town meeting is held to give non-resident taxpayers an opportunity to share and exchange information about current and ongoing issues in the town. He began with an update on three topics:

The Library: The bond has been issued and Bruss Construction of Bradford has been selected to do the renovation, which will begin in October. Also, \$50,000 has been received from an anonymous donor to provide enhanced technology systems (not to be used to offset the building cost).

Purchase of land on Old Post Road: The purchase of 92+ acres of land across from the Transfer Station from Cersosimo Industries has been completed. No plans have been made for its use.

Okemo's lease of Mt. Sunapee: Representatives from Okemo have met with the Board. They are committed to work with us. They have planned some work at the mountain for this fall and their long-range plan will be available within 30 days.

Ann Hourigan asked what impact Okemo's takeover will have on the tax rate in Newbury. Powell responded we expect about \$150,000 in revenue to be applied to the town's general fund. Question from the floor: "What about the cost of additional services needed there?" Powell: "We do not anticipate that great an increase. We've been providing services at Mt. Sunapee for years and foresee no dramatic change."

Question from the floor: "Specifically, what about an increase in calls for police assistance?" Chief Valiquet: "We don't know the impact. The season will be longer and this will require more ongoing service, but beyond that, we can't be sure. We have no plans at this time to change anything to meet new circumstances."

Bill Gall presented his view: Mt. Sunapee could have been part of an extended park system. Instead it has been leased to Okemo and its future will be determined by the state and Okemo and won't take the town of Newbury into account. Okemo plans on having 4,000 skiers daily. They will come in over our roads. One thousand cars equals a 10-mile back-up. This goes against the town's long-range plan and will destroy the rural atmosphere. The town should have had our legal counsel review the plan. Why did the town support it?

Jim Powell responded that two years ago when the leasing plan was first proposed by the state the Board at that time supported the idea because they believed the state was committed to the health of the area. There is a new Board now but we have no evidence that the leasing agreement will have an adverse impact on the town.

Gall: "In 7 to 10 years it will be very adverse. We have given the mountain away for 40 years. "

Jim Myles: "Isn't the state responsible for the security of the mountain?"

Powell: "Not to my knowledge."

Mr. MacDonald: "The state used to reimburse the town for all police details who worked up there. "

Chief Valiquet said that he had never seen all the parking lots filled up at Mt. Sunapee. He added there will never be a 10-mile back-up in Newbury short of a devastating accident. While there will be more traffic, it will never be as much as at the bigger ski areas.

Bill Syvertsen mentioned the selectmen had written a letter asking for more studies before the lease went into effect. "We asked if Okemo would follow our site plan and zoning regulations and they have agreed to do so. We will have that control if it appears that growth is getting out of hand."

Paul Lindstrom(?) asked if the non-residents could have access to Okemo's handouts. Powell said yes. Lindstrom said Okemo runs a good operation but may want to add condos. Powell replied that they can't build on state property and they have assured us they do not plan to build condos or purchase land to do so.

Syvertsen added that Okemo plans to use the place year-round. They want to add summer programs. They will try to hold a public meeting at the mountain before Labor Day.

Question from floor: "Does the leasing agreement include Wild Goose or the State Beach?"

Powell: "No."

Question: "Is Wild Goose still being considered for public access to the lake?"

Powell: "We won't know that for several months."

Ann Hourigan added that she had an update on this topic. Three sites are being considered for public access, including Wild Goose and the State Beach. There will be no action on this until October 1st.

Question: "Does the state own Wild Goose? How is it accessed?"

Powell: "The state Fish & Game Department owns the property. It is reached by town road and private right of way."

Bill Gall remarked that the town had money in different funds and it should be looked at to see if we're getting the best return on our investment.

Dennis Pavlicek responded that during the last couple of years the town funds have been drawing a better return than ever before. Last year we realized \$30,000 in interest. For Trust Funds in NH PDIP, the current rate is 5.39 % daily return.

Powell added that the town has not had to borrow money to meet expenses for the last two years.

Mr. Myles asked that the town prohibit the use of exhaust brakes by truckers to cut down on noise. Powell responded that his request will be referred to the Safety Committee.

Ann Hourigan asked if "clear cutting" on ridges was legal, such as is being done on Bob Bell's property. Powell replied that he has not violated any ordinances. Hourigan responded that in that case, the ordinance should be changed.

Bill Weiler added that regulations for clear cutting are being looked at. It's a very complex issue. Dick Wright added that a developer could cut within regulations and then sell the land to someone who would then cut more trees for a better view.

Gall mentioned that there should be a time limit on clear cutting. The run-off has increased 40 - 50%. Powell replied that we investigate all problems and have put a lot of rules in place over the years on the land in question. Lindstrom added the time limit on rules should be shorter.

Aline Cullen mentioned that she was very happy with how the town responds to problems.

There was a question from the floor regarding the possibility of installing additional sewers in town. Powell replied that there are no current plans to do this, but it might happen at some future point. A lot has been accomplished at Blodgett, and the state is pleased with that system, but it is 4 years old and requires a lot of attention.

Question: "If the Blodgett sewer is trouble-free, can we now do something about the roads at Blodgett Landing?" Powell answered that after further assessment this year and replacement of siphon pumps, the road issue will be addressed.

Question: "Why wasn't this meeting better publicized?" Powell responded that notice was posted, and it was noticed in two local papers, and on cable TV.

Question from the floor: "How are property owners to dispose of leaves this fall?" Powell explained that they cannot be burned and composting by the town is impractical. We may take leaves from Blodgett residents because of their difficulty in disposing of them.

Question: "Why was a traffic counter strip placed across Old Post Road?" Powell explained that it was put in place by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to gather information on traffic and other data that is collected in this manner.

Fred Hillyer asked why there was no sign at the Transfer Station directing traffic flow. Powell responded that we are getting input from users on the best flow, and signs will be provided in the near future. New Hampshire the Beautiful will provide signs for the entrance noting hours and basic rules of use.

Jim Myles suggested that the site be beautified. Powell responded that it was thoroughly cleaned up a couple of weeks ago. Myles mentioned that the fence was poorly designed and should be electrified.

A comment from the floor noted that the town beach area looked very good but leaves should be removed from the water. It was noted they could be raked out but where would they be put? Ann Hourigan suggested piling them on the newly-acquired land on Old Post Road. Jim Powell did not think this was a good idea. It was agreed a long-range plan for leaf disposal was needed.

Powell asked the attendees their opinion of charging property owners using the Transfer Station for the disposal of material such as brush, tires and construction material. The general reaction was positive. Ann Hourigan disagreed, believing this would encourage people to dump in unauthorized spots. Dick Wright said out-of-towners are using Newbury's site to dump in order to avoid local fees.

Ron Williams asked if the Board would do an informal poll of non-residents on their opinion of how the 92 acres of land on Old Post Road should be used. Powell gave a brief re-cap of the discussion at the March 1998 Town Meeting and repeated that any proposed use will have to go before the next Town Meeting for a vote. No research has been done yet. Williams asked if a committee had been formed to look into possible uses. Powell answered not yet, although we hope to have a study done before the March 1999 meeting.

Gall suggested that in order to avoid unexpected costs to the town, a prioritized list of anticipated expenses over 4-5 years should be made. Powell responded that this will be done at this year's budget meetings.

Hourigan noted that there are loose rocks in the wall at the town beach that kids are climbing on. Powell replied that it will be looked at within the next two weeks.

Hourigan asked if the next summer town meeting could be held on a weekend, preferably Saturday morning, to get a better turnout. Chief Valiquet mentioned that the word could be spread by the individual owners' associations. Gall suggested a town newsletter to aid local communication. Powell responded that we had plans to produce a newsletter but the designated person resigned from town employment. Right now the Board doesn't have the resources to do a newsletter, although we may in the future. Meantime, he reminded attendees that they have several ongoing means of access to the selectmen and town news via meetings of the selectmen, visits to the Town Office, and calls to the office for information. A question from the floor asked about establishing a website on the Internet. Powell responded that we have had a website for over a year, and it is currently being updated. The address is www.new-hampshire.com/newbury.



TOWN OF NEWBURY TOWN MEETING

Minutes of March 10, 1998

Moderator Marashio called the March 10, 1998 Town Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Moderator Marashio declared the meeting opened and voting on Article 1 through 5 began in ballot form.

Motion was made and seconded to recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 11, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the safety services building. No discussion followed. All in favor. Motion passed.

The polls were opened at 1:05 p.m.

The polls were closed at 7:00 p.m.

Business Meeting - March 11, 1998

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked anyone who is a registered voter to check in with the ballot clerks at the front of the room to pick up a voter's card.

Moderator Marashio explained that if any voter disagrees with the Moderator's decision, it is the right of the voters to overrule the moderator by majority vote. Moderator Marashio announced that she will not allow reconsideration of any vote after the final count on each article.

Moderator Marashio read the voting results from March 10, 1998 as follows:

Office of Selectman - 3 Years

William Syvertsen - 170

Moderator - 2 Years

Nancy Marashio - 316

Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 Years

Clayton Johnson - 288

Trustee of Trust Funds - 2 Years

James Therrien - 230

Library Trustee - 3 Years

Shelly Candidus - 301

Cemetery Trustee - 3 Years

Wilbert H. Willis - 305

Planning Board Member - 3 Years (vote for two)

Richard J. Wright - 141

Richard R. Martin - 132

Zoning Board of Adjustment - 3 Years (vote for two)

Robert A. Howes - 281

Robert Burton - 27

Bingo and Lucky 7

Yes - 252 No - 77

Elderly Exemptions

Yes - 288 No - 48

Disabled Exemptions

Yes - 253 No - 71

Zoning Amendment No. 1

Yes - 260 No - 62

Zoning Amendment No. 2

Yes - 272 No - 57

Zoning Amendment No. 3

Yes - 256 No - 70

Zoning Amendment No. 4

Yes - 233 No - 93

Zoning Amendment No. 5

Yes - 284 No - 41

Zoning Amendment No. 6

Yes - 257 No - 69

Zoning Amendment No. 7

Yes - 248 No - 80

Zoning Amendment No. 8

Yes - 260 No - 58

Building Regulation No. 1

Yes - 280 No - 41

Kearsarge Regional School District Ballot

Moderator - 1 Year

Bob Bowers - 302

The numbers in parenthesis represent the school district results

Article No. 1

Option A - 130 (1084)

Option B - 203 (1733)

Article No. 2

Yes - 203 (1778) No - 132 (1186)

Article No. 3

Yes - 173 (1576) No - 159 (1396)

Article No. 4

Yes - 156 (1368) No - 180 (1571)

Article No. 5

Yes - 181 (1449) No - 159 (1537)

Article No. 6

Yes - 159 (1333) No - 180 (1638)

Article No. 7

Yes - 108 (887) No - 229 (2080)

Article No. 8

Yes - 153 (1352) No - 182 (1615)

Article No. 9

Yes - 197 (1648) No - 143 (1334)

Selectman Thomas read a resolution to honor the memory of George Beal, and presented Mr. Beal's family with the written resolution.

Selectman Thomas read a resolution to honor the memory of Paul Diekmann, and presented Mr. Diekmann's family with the written resolution.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$425,000 for the construction of an addition to the existing Library with all furnishings and to be in compliance with ADA regulations and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$325,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; Furthermore, to authorize the acceptance of donations in the amount of \$100,000 to offset this appropriation. (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (2/3 ballot vote required.)

Beverly Wolf, Library Trustee, explained that the Library Trustees had chosen Patricia Sherman as the designing architect for the addition to the Library. Plans were presented. Design standards were based upon current and future needs and location limitations.

Also built into the costs of the library (+\$25,000) is a new septic system which is designed to be able to tie the Newbury Town Office Building, the Veteran's Hall, and the Center Meeting House together into one State-approved system if so desired in the future.

There has been \$128,000 raised in pledges and donations to off-set the cost of the project. This is the last year for payment on the bond for the esplanade. Therefore, the impact of this bond issue would hardly be noticeable. A 10-year bond based on the current status would impact property taxes .19/1,000.

Bill Gall asked if \$425,000 is the total cost or just the cost to build the building.

Beverly Wolf said that the \$425,000 is to build, furnish, and landscape the library. It will take time to totally fill up with books.

Pauline Bergeron agreed that the Town is in need of a new library, but maybe the voters should consider cutting down on the cost.

Patricia Sherman warned against building the library too small. She explained that the design is down from its original plan as much as reasonable. The \$425,000 includes all costs, so we will not be back for more money.

With no further discussion, Moderator Marashio read Article 6 again and explained that because this is a bond issue, the vote will be by YES/ NO ballot and the polls will be open for one hour.

Moderator Marashio opened the polls at 8:11 p.m. The meeting recessed to accommodate the bulk of voting.

Moderator Marashio reconvened the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,316,845 for general operations:

	1997	1998
1. EXECUTIVE OFFICE	\$88,136	\$92,434
2. ELECTION and REGISTRATION	4,000	5,582
3. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	56,055	56,825
4. LEGAL EXPENSE	10,000	12,000
5. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	109,835	123,190
6. PLANNING	12,730	9,461
7. ZONING	2,465	2,506
8. GEN'L GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	26,286	21,148
9. CEMETERIES	10,561	10,771
10. INSURANCE	45,275	31,000
11. REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	1,253	1,253
12. TOWN REPORTS	2,700	3,700
13. POLICE DEPARTMENT	153,096	164,297
14. FIRE DEPARTMENT	37,429	42,104
15. FOREST FIRES	872	600
16. BUILDING INSPECTION	3,550	3,550
17. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MGT	100	100
18. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	379,486	407,172
19. STREET LIGHTING	15,390	15,630
20. TRANSFER STATION	114,291	114,885
21. HEALTH AGENCIES, CAP	9,210	10,341
22. WELFARE	7,650	7,650
23. INFORMATION BOOTH	2,250	2,800
24. PARKS & RECREATION	15,835	18,025
25. LIBRARY	18,440	18,440
26. CONSERVATION COMMISSION	366	825
27. HISTORICAL SOCIETY	250	250
28. INTEREST-TAX ANTICIPATION	2,000	500
29. SEWER DEPARTMENT	43,776	52,097
30. BOND/NOTE PRINCIPAL & INT	77,500	72,415
31. AMBULANCE DEDUCTIBLES	1,000	1,000
32. SAFETY COMMUNICATION SERVICE	16,635	14,294
TOTALS	\$1,268,422 ...	\$1,316,845

Motion to adopt Article 7 was made and seconded. No discussion followed.

Vote on Article 7: All in favor. Motion passed.

Article 8: To hear the reports of the town officers, agents and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

Motion to adopt Article 8 was made and seconded. No discussion followed.

Vote on Article 8: All in favor. Motion passed.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a front end loader for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for that purpose.

Motion to adopt Article 9 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator, explained that the 1986 loader is in need of approximately \$19,435.00 in repairs, to start. The trade-in value has been priced as \$15,000 and \$16,000 by Caterpillar and John Deere, respectively. In other words, the cost of repair is more than it is worth. A new loader has been priced at \$94,569.00 by John Deere, and a little more by Caterpillar. This particular loader will be equipped to handle additional options if desired in the future.

Brenda Digilio asked why this money is not being taken out of the capital reserve fund.

Mr. Prussman explained that he is trying to save the money in the capital reserve fund for larger priced items, e.g., Road Grader = \$125,000.

Vote on Article 9: All in favor. Motion passed.

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,600 to resurface a portion of Sutton Road.

Motion to adopt Article 10 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Vincent Iacopino asked if there is a list of criteria for choosing a road for resurfacing. Last year the Town discussed repaving Blodgett Landing, when will that be done?

Mr. Prussman explained that Sutton Road had already been ground in the summer of 1997. Therefore, Sutton Road takes priority for repaving. The sewer lines in Blodgett Landing need work. The roads there will not be repaved until the lines are fixed in order to avoid ripping up a newly paved road. The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission performed a Road Service Management Survey to evaluate all of the roads in Newbury. The criteria being used are mainly assessment of traffic, condition of road, population, and school bus route. Sutton Road is the main cut to and from Sutton, and it is a school bus route. There were many rocks already removed and more to go, and there are culverts that need to be replaced prior to paving. The debris that is small enough to haul away will be taken. The larger rocks will be pushed off the side of the road. Caution will be taken to try not to damage or impact abutting property owners. According to plan, eventually every road in town will be addressed.

Vote on Article 10: Majority in favor. Motion passed.

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to construct recreational fields at Bradbury Sportsfield.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to pass over this article. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Wolf explained that originally the towns of Bradford, Sutton, and Newbury were going to address this article in each of their town meetings. Bradford and Sutton are not addressing this article this year, therefore, it is pointless for Newbury to stand alone.

Vote on Article 11: All in favor. Motion passed.

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,000 for the following existing capital reserve funds. (Recommended by the selectmen.)

FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$10,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	50,000
POLICE CRUISER	10,000
AMBULANCE	3,000
RECREATION FACILITY	5,000
REVALUATION	10,000

Motion to adopt Article 12 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Michael Ripberger asked why there is \$10,000 in Article 12 for a police cruiser and an additional \$22,270 in Article 17.

Selectman Thomas explained that Article 12 represents a savings account and Article 17 represents an actual purchase.

Steve Winter asked for an explanation of the recreational facility line.

Selectman Thomas explained that two years ago the town decided to save money to build a recreational facility such as a ball park, tennis court, etc. Before we spend the money, the proposal needs to be presented at a Town Meeting.

Mrs. McGann asked for an explanation of the revaluation item.

Selectman Thomas explained that every ten years the town is required to perform a revaluation of the whole town. The cost of a revaluation is in excess of \$100,000. This item will help offset the cost of the next revaluation, scheduled for 2004.

Vote on Article 12: Majority in favor. Motion passed.

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established. (Recommended by the selectmen.)

DOCKS	\$1,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	5,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIP	3,000

Motion to adopt Article 13 was made and seconded. No discussion followed.

Vote on Article 13: All in favor. Motion passed.

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for land owned by Cersosimo Industries, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for said land located across the street from the transfer station which would be used for a new highway garage and future municipal uses.

Motion to adopt Article 14 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Harry Seidel made a motion to defer discussion of this article to be discussed with Article 26. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Dan Wolf suggested that this Article not be deferred, and that Article 26 be moved up to be discussed now, with Article 14.

Vote on Mr. Seidel's motion. Majority against. Motion failed.

Dan Wolf made a motion to take Article 26 out of order to be discussed with Article 14. Motion was seconded. No discussion followed.

Vote on Mr. Wolf's motion. Majority in favor. Motion passed.

Moderator Marshio read Article 14 and Article 26, to be discussed together but voted separate.

Selectman Powell addressed Article 14. Newbury is extremely limited on land suitable for recreation due to the topography. Additionally, the Board of Selectmen has discussed the condition of the Highway Garage. The Highway Garage is too near the stream, and it is too small to contain all of the necessary equipment as of a couple of years ago. The Board of Selectmen approached the owner to buy the 92 acres for \$140,000. The front of the parcel was subdivided into 7 two-acre lots, and there are approximately 80 wooded acres in the back. Due to economic conditions, the owners were only able to sell two of the seven lots. Therefore, this purchase would include five lots of approximately two acres each and 80 wooded acres of backland with approximately 1,500 feet of road frontage on Old Post Road. There are many advantages to purchasing this land. The Highway Garage could be moved to an area that would not impact neighbors, and it would be across from the transfer station. The back acreage is fairly flat and could be developed into a recreational area. The \$140,000 would be financed by the current owner at \$28,000 the first year and \$15,000 each year for the next 10 years. The \$28,000 this year would enter us into the lease/purchase and the \$15,000 for the remaining years will be part of the operating budget in subsequent years. A map was presented with potential uses.

Harry Seidel asked what the use of the old Highway Garage would be. He recollected that in the Master Plan there was a recommendation from the fire department that the old Highway Garage could be used for a third fire department to respond to South Newbury residences faster.

Mr. Powell said that the Board of Selectmen has not discussed that in recent meetings and no decisions have been made on the potential use of the old Highway Garage site.

Mr. Seidel commented that the sand operation could be moved to the Hearse House site in order to avoid problems with the near-by brook. Along Route 103 seems to be a convenient place to deliver sand rather than trucking it over Old Post Road.

Clyde Bacon commented that he supports the attempt to find land for recreation activities. However, there has been a lot of work already done to fix Old Post Road. Can Old Post Road support the necessary trucking to move the Highway Department?

Mr. Powell commented that the existing Highway Department is too small, there is contamination of soil due to the leaking underground tanks, and the brook limits us as to what we can do on that site. There is not adequate space to build another garage on that site. Old Post Road can support the extra traffic as it supports heavy traffic now.

Moderator Marashio declared the polls to vote on Article 6 closed at 9:29 p.m.

Dean Bensley commented that the Town will have another opportunity to talk about the Highway Garage. The important issue is whether or not to buy the land. There is very little flat land in Newbury. He cautioned the voters not to get hung up on Highway Garage versus Recreational Land. We should vote on the investment, not the use.

Deb Sias asked if owner financing is a requirement or an option.

Mr. Powell said that it is an option. The purchase price is \$140,000. The \$28,000 is 20% of the purchase price for down payment. There will be \$112,000 financed for 10 years at 7.5% which will equal a total purchase price of \$191,163.00 total payment.

Moderator Marashio read the results of Article 6:

Number of votes cast 192

Number of votes necessary to pass 128

Yes - 154 No - 38

Article 6 passed.

Dick Wright commented that the Town should buy the land while we have the chance.

Barbara Freeman, resident on Old Post Road, commented that the Town should pay attention to its own zoning regulations. The extra traffic will be an inconvenience. Additionally, Old Post Road is a historic road and is very narrow. The road is also posted for seasonal load restriction to 6 tons. Therefore, it is inappropriate for the heavy Town vehicles to travel the road.

Jacqueline Donovan asked if the interest rate is firm, or can the Town check on other financing options.

Dennis Pavlicek commented that it was his understanding that the financing is tied to the purchase price.

Dan Wolf commented that Bradford/Newbury youth sports just purchased 10 acres of flat land. In comparison, this is a good deal.

Brenda Digilio asked if there have been any environmental studies done on that land in regard to an old dump. We don't need to inherit hazardous waste clean-up expenses.

Selectman Thomas commented that there has been no study done. The dump that Ms. Digilio was speaking of was just a small surface dump. If the well across the street shows up bad because of Town contamination, we are going to have to fix it at any cost.

Dan Wolf made a motion to amend Article 14 to read as follows: To see if the town will vote to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for land owned by Cersosimo Industries, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for said land located across the street from the transfer station which would be used for municipal purposes to be determined at a future Town Meeting.

Motion was seconded.

Dan Wolf commented that this allows the flexibility to decide what to do without losing the opportunity.

Harry Seidel commented that the Town needs a place for the children to play, other than in the streets. Ten years ago the Master Plan listed recreational facility as a priority. Now we have another Master Plan which puts recreational facility as a priority. Therefore, a recreational facility should be given priority over a highway garage.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 14 was amended as follows: To see if the town will vote to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for land owned by Cersosimo Industries, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for said land located across the street from the transfer station which would be used for municipal purposes to be determined at a future Town Meeting.

The terms of the lease/purchase agreement were clarified.

Motion was made and seconded to call the question.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Question was called.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 14 passed as amended.

Motion was made and seconded to table Article 26 indefinitely. No discussion followed.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 26 was tabled indefinitely.

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Municipal Buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 15. Discussion followed.

Katheryn Holmes asked if the Town has considered Certificates of Deposit with higher interest rates.

Selectman Thomas explained that the trustees of the trust funds invest the reserve funds for the highest returns.

Betty McGann asked if there was a restriction on the use of the funds.

Selectman Thomas explained that the funds can only be used for municipal buildings and can only be used if a vote at Town Meeting approves the use.

Jacqueline Donovan asked what the impact on the tax rate will be if this article is passed.

Dennis Pavlicek said that the impact of this article will be .09/\$1,000. All of the articles together will be .33/\$1,000.

VOTE: Majority against. Article 15 failed.

Article 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,426 for adding an additional full-time highway worker.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 16. Discussion followed.

Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator, explained that in 1986 there were 50 miles of Town Roads. In 1996 there were 62 1/2 miles of Town Roads. That is a 25% increase in miles and 0% in manpower and equipment. The service the townspeople want requires more manpower. The figure of \$15,426 covers 32 weeks of the calendar year. The annual wage amount plus benefits for 52 weeks will be \$25,067.00.

Ruth Fleming asked what the additional person is going to use for a vehicle. All of the vehicles are used by the existing workers.

Mr. Prussman explained that there are enough vehicles for an additional worker. Every worker does not need to be behind a steering wheel all of the time.

Dick Wright commented that according to a study done for the Master Plan, every 15 miles of road equals one worker and one truck. If we are ever going to catch up on the road conditions, we have to stay ahead for a while.

Dan Wolf asked how many workers is the Town authorized to carry.

Mr. Prussman said the Highway Department is authorized for four workers and a Road Agent. There is usually one person out for sick time, vacation, or something else.

Bill Gall agreed that something needs to be done to get caught up and asked what is the back log, and when will the Town break even?

Mr. Prussman explained that the roads need a lot of work. The Highway Department needs support from the Town to bite the bullet and pay for the expenses. Otherwise, the repairs and maintenance are not going to get done. The choice is up to the people.

Mr. Gall commented that the Town needs to solve this problem. What does the Highway Department need and how long will the Highway Department need these extra things to accomplish what needs to be done?

Mr. Prussman said that it will be at least five to seven years to get caught up, and maybe longer if the Town continues to accept more roads.

Dennis Pavlicek commented that with benefits, the wages are about average. The hourly rate will be approximately \$9.00/hour plus benefits.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 16 passed.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,270 for the purchase of a Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of \$22,270 from the Police Department capital reserve fund. No taxes will need to be raised by this article. (Recommended by the selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 17. Discussion followed.

Jim Valiquet, Police Chief, explained that the Police Department is currently running three police cruisers. The 1991 Ford has 160,000 mi.; the 1993 Ford has 114,000 mi.; and the 1994 has 69,000 mi. The last car was purchased four years ago. The purchase price of the vehicles has increased partly because Chevrolet has stopped competing with Ford in making police cruisers. The 1991 Ford will be requiring more maintenance than it is worth.

Mike Ripberger asked what happens to the money from the old car.

Chief Valiquet explained that the liquidation is up to the Board of Selectmen. It can be auctioned, traded, etc. Whatever proceeds come from the old vehicle are turned into the general fund.

David Friedline asked if the Town has more than two cars on patrol routinely.

Chief Valiquet said that there are not two cars on patrol routinely, but occasionally, yes. Also, this number of vehicles allows each officer to have a police cruiser at his home in case of a call during the night.

VOTE: All in favor. Article 17 passed.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to recommend to New Hampshire Fish & Game that the Wild Goose site not be used as a public access boat launch.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 18. Discussion followed.

Selectman Thomas explained that there has been a committee in place to study where to put the public boat launch. This article is just a vote for the committee to get a sense of the Town.

Selectman Powell commented that the Board of Selectmen is not taking a formal position on this article.

Dick Wright made a motion to pass over Article 18. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Bev Wolf commented that she thinks giving our opinion is fair.

Linda Powell commented that based on a conversation with a member of the Fish and Game Department, it is her understanding that the State is just waiting on the last alternative sites to find if Sargent's in Sunapee is a viable location, otherwise the boat launch goes in to Wild Goose.

Tom Pirozzoli commented that he thinks the boat launch would not be a good idea near such a dangerous intersection. Additionally, there is too much pavement proposed which will have a negative impact on the water quality of Lake Sunapee, and this article should not be passed over.

Katheryn Holmes commented that this is a great opportunity for the study committee to get the Town's feedback.

Vince Iacopino commented that one of the alternative sites for the boat launch is Blodgett Landing.

VOTE: Majority not in favor. Motion to pass over failed.

Discussion followed on the original article.

Clyde Bacon commented that putting the boat launch at the Wild Goose site is a political issue. At the hearing he attended, most people were against the Wild Goose location.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 18 stands as majority opinion of this Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Newbury Planning Board to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects as provided by state statutes RSA 674:5-8.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 19. Discussion followed.

Bill Weiler, Planning Board Chair, explained the process of the Planning Board for preparing a Capital Improvements Plan in conjunction with town departments.

Vince Iacopino commented that he thinks the Planning Board has enough to do with land use, and the capital improvements plan should be handled by the Board of Selectmen.

Dick Wright commented that by statute, the Planning Board is the entity required to prepare the Capital Improvements Program.

Bill Gall commented that somebody needs to put together a long-range plan and cost it out in order to know what we need to plan for the future.

Selectman Thomas explained that has been done, and the figures were outrageous. We are trying to come to a compromise by entering into lease/purchase deals.

Dan Wolf commented that the Board of Selectmen has done a good job. But, there is no long-range plan, and the number is going to be high. We need to know the life of the docks, buildings, trucks, bridges, etc. A Capital Improvements Plan is important. If the Planning Board is too busy, then they could appoint a subcommittee.

Vince Iacopino commented that he thinks the Planning Board would love to do the Capital Improvements Plan. But, there is no expertise on the Planning Board to assess a Capital Improvements Plan. There should be a qualified committee appointed.

VOTE: Majority in favor. (yes - 38; no - 27). Article 19 was adopted.

Dan Wolf asked if, in the future, the Town can make note as to who recommends these articles. Why is the Board of Selectmen voting against an article if they post it on the warrant?

Selectman Thomas explained that the Board of Selectmen posts certain issues on the warrant because we are asking for discussion. The Board of Selectmen only puts a recommendation on money articles.

A recount was taken on Article 19 with the following result:

VOTE: Majority against. (yes - 29; no - 44). Article 19 failed.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for damages caused by the January 1998 Ice Storm and to authorize the acceptance of matching funds from FEMA and the State to offset this appropriation.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 20. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell made a motion to amend Article 20 as follows: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,430.00 for damages caused by the January 1998 Ice Storm and to authorize the acceptance of matching funds from FEMA and the State to offset this appropriation.

Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that at the time of warrant preparation, we did not know the cost. There were three tree crews for three weeks to remove trees and chip branches.

Bill Gall asked if the cost is \$100,430.00 or is it \$200,860.00.

Selectman Powell explained that the required wording is confusing. FEMA is reimbursing the Town for its costs of \$100,430.00. It turns out to be a wash.

VOTE: All in favor. Article 20 was amended. No discussion followed.

VOTE: All in favor. Article 20 passed as amended.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the town will vote to increase the salary to the Selectmen from \$2,000 per year to \$3,000. This article will take effect in FY 1999.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 21. Discussion followed.

Dean Bensley commented that he was not opposed to this article, and asked how the Town of Newbury compares with surrounding Towns.

Dennis Pavlicek said that some are lower, and some are higher.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 21 passed.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the town will vote to require that the Selectmen, before disposing of real property, the title to which has been acquired by tax collector's deed, first consult with the Conservation Commission, said commission to recommend whether or not the retention of such real property would be in the best interests of the town as provided in RSA 80:42-a, subject to final ratification of the next annual or special town meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 22.

Bill Weiler, Conservation Commission Member, explained that this article will not take any authority away from the Board of Selectmen or the Town's people. It only allows the Conservation Commission to look at the property before it is disposed of.

Selectman Powell commented that the Board of Selectmen does this anyway. Therefore, it does not need to be required.

Lynn Wallace commented that she is in favor of the article to act as a check and balance.

Dan Wolf commented that the system the Town has now worked in the past.

Dean Bensley explained that the system is not 'broke', but it has been in the past. The Town lost some valuable land in the past.

VOTE: Majority against. Article 22 failed.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to retain ownership of a certain tract of land, Map #28-396-297. Said land to be under the trusteeship of the Newbury Conservation Commission.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 23. Discussion followed.

Bill Weiler explained that there is 8.9 acres on Chalk Pond Road that is 90% wet with a \$14,500 valuation. The Conservation Commission would like to retain the parcel in the interest of preservation and protection of Bartlett Brook.

Linda Powell asked if there would be any cost in ownership.

Bill Weiler said that there would be no cost to the Town.

Bob Messenger asked if this parcel is under Conservation Commission control, would this land ever be posted in any way.

Bill Weiler said that he cannot speak for the other members of the Conservation Commission because this issue has not been addressed at any of their meetings. He personally would not be in favor of posting the land.

Vince Iacopino asked what is the benefit of the Town owning the land versus the Conservation Commission.

Bill Weiler explained that if the Town owns the land, then it could be sold at any time. If the Conservation Commission owns the land, it would be held for preservation purposes.

Dan Wolf made a motion to amend Article 23 to read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to retain ownership of a certain tract of land, Map #28-396-297. Said land not to be disposed of unless agreed upon at a future Town Meeting. Motion was seconded.

Bill Weiler said that he would have no objection to Dan's amendment.

Mike Ripberger asked if the Town has any responsibility to this land in the case of liability.

Dennis Pavlicek explained that there is cost of liability coverage no matter whose hands it is in.

Dean Bensley commented that this land provides a corridor between the Forest Society and Conservation land. From a conservation standpoint, it is an important piece of land. It is not a piece of property one would expect to be built upon under today's conditions, but we do not know what will happen in the future. The reason for the choice of words of trusteeship is that it is allowed per the RSAs. The Conservation Commission would have no problem with the Town owning the land if it is for conservation purposes only.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 23 was amended.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 23 was adopted as amended.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to retain ownership of a certain tract of land, Map #29A259-352. Said land to be under the trusteeship of the Newbury Conservation Commission.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 24. Discussion followed.

This land is 5 acres and very steep at the end of Sky Top Drive near Chalk Pond. This would help maintain the wildlife habitat and protect the watershed at Chalk Pond.

Linda Powell made a motion to amend Article 24 to read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to retain ownership of a certain tract of land, Map 29A259-352. Said land not to be disposed of unless agreed upon at a future Town Meeting. Motion was seconded.

Vince Iacopino asked for a point of information: Was this where the old water system was located?

Selectman Thomas said no.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 24 was amended.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 24 was adopted as amended.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue Old Bay Point Road from Route 103 (at the traffic circle) to where it ends at the State Property line.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 25. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that Old Bay Point Road runs from the Mt. Sunapee traffic circle to the State Park down by the property now owned by Henry and Fay Carnevale. It is not a through way. The Board of Selectmen would like to avoid the liability and maintenance expense of that section of road.

Katheryn Holmes asked if the Town votes to discontinue the road, would that land be for sale to the abutter?

Selectman Powell explained that the Town does not own the property. The Town's interest would just be abandoned.

Fay Carnevale asked for the legal definition of abandoning and does the Town have any documentation that the Town does or does not own the road.

Selectman Powell said that the Board of Selectmen does not have deeds to prove whether or not the Town owns the property.

Fay Carnevale asked who did the deed research at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds - Fay or the Town?

Selectman Powell confirmed that Fay did the research at the Registry.

Fay Carnevale made a motion to pass over Article 25 until the Town hires a lawyer to do the proper deed research in order to make an informed request. Motion was seconded.

Fay Carnevale commented that there is 850' of commercially owned property which would be compromised if the road is abandoned.

VOTE: Majority against. Motion to pass over failed.

Selectman Thomas asked if there is anyone present from the Planning Board who was at the Site Plan Review hearing to relay whether or not the Carnevaless were required to take over the road.

Bill Weiler commented that it was his recollection that there was talk about the Carnevaless taking over the road, but the site plan approval was not conditional upon that happening.

Fay Carnevale commented that when they purchased the property three years ago, the Town officials asked them if they would be interested in taking over the road. They said possibly. It was discussed at the hearings. Dennis asked if she would save the Town some time and money to research the road at the registry. Mrs. Carnevale spent two days and \$35.00 in copies for deeds. If this road is given up, it would devalue their property greatly. Liability is an issue. The road should be researched properly and the questions should be answered.

Harry Seidel commented that his recollection of the situation is that the road was abandoned when the new road to the State Park was built. The Old Bay Point Road serves no purpose now. The surface deteriorates the farther you go in, and it goes nowhere.

Vince Iacopino commented that the Carnevaless are concerned that if you abandon the road, then they have no frontage for their commercial business in the back.

Fay Carnevale commented that the road goes back 850'. It has been graded and the Town brought in fill. The road is used for biking and walking and sight seeing.

Mike Ripberger asked when the town was numbered, what was the status of Old Bay Point Road - Town or Private?

Selectman Thomas explained that any road with three houses needs to be named and numbered. Therefore, this road did not fall into that category.

Brenda Digilio asked if the Town maintains this road.

Cal Prussman said that the Highway Department does maintain this road in terms of cold patching, plowing & sanding.

Motion was made and seconded to move the question.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Question was moved.

VOTE: Tie vote (yes - 32; no - 32). A vote fails on a tie. Article 25 failed.

ARTICLE 27: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Selectman Powell recognized Selectman Thomas for his six years of hard work and sacrifice as a Selectman for the Town of Newbury. The Townspeople gave Selectman Thomas a standing ovation in agreement.

Vince Iacopino recognized David Blado with a vote of confidence for creating the web page for the Town of Newbury.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Linda Champy
Town Clerk
Town of Newbury*

Shore at the Boulders



BIRTHS

**Registered in the Town of Newbury, N.H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1998**

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
March 5	New London NH	Ian Michael Bready	Michael Bready	Jane Bready
March 27	New London NH	Devon Anne Fortier	Timothy Fortier	Susan Fortier
August 5	Concord NH	Brandon Anthony Severance	Todd Severance	Bridgette Severance
October 8	Concord NH	Rylee Kate Pauling	Brian Pauling	Laura Pauling
November 11	Concord NH	Griffen Walter Nelson	Jon Nelson	Heather Nelson
November 22	Concord NH	Heidi Hope Woetzel	David Woetzel	Gloria Woetzel

*I hereby certify that the above is correct
according to the best of my knowledge and
belief.
Linda Champy, Town Clerk*

Photograph by Linda Champy, Town Clerk



MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH For the Year Ending December 31, 1998

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom	Place of Residence	Name of Bride	Place of Residence	Place of Marriage
June 6	David S. Frechette	Newbury NH	Sally Maria Kipper	Manchester, CT	Newbury NH
July 4	Andrew John Beattie	Newbury, NH	Betty Ann Andrews	Newbury, NH	Newbury NH
July 11	Peter Bechok, Jr.	Newbury, NH	Marilyn F. Bucknam	Sunapee NH	Newbury NH
July 11	James Patrick Sprenger	Newbury, NH	Kristin Kelly Hisler	Newbury, NH	Newbury NH
August 22	Samuel Benton Roberts, Jr.	Newbury, NH	Emily Sarah Reber	Newbury, NH	Newbury NH
August 29	Peter Edward Swislosky	Warner, NH	Kimberly Marie Branham	Henniker, NH	Newbury NH
September 12	Robert Thomas Deel	Newbury, NH	Carol June Fox	Newbury, NH	Goffstown NH
October 3	Richard Kevin LaPorte	Newbury, NH	Margery Ann Mills	Andover, NH	Wilmot NH
October 10	Ethan A. Poitras	Newbury, NH	Diana L. Vaine	Newbury, NH	Claremont NH
October 11	Vernon Douglas Fowler	Niceville, FL	Sandra Jean Murphy	Mary Esther, FL	Manchester NH

I hereby certify that the above is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. Linda Champy, Town Clerk



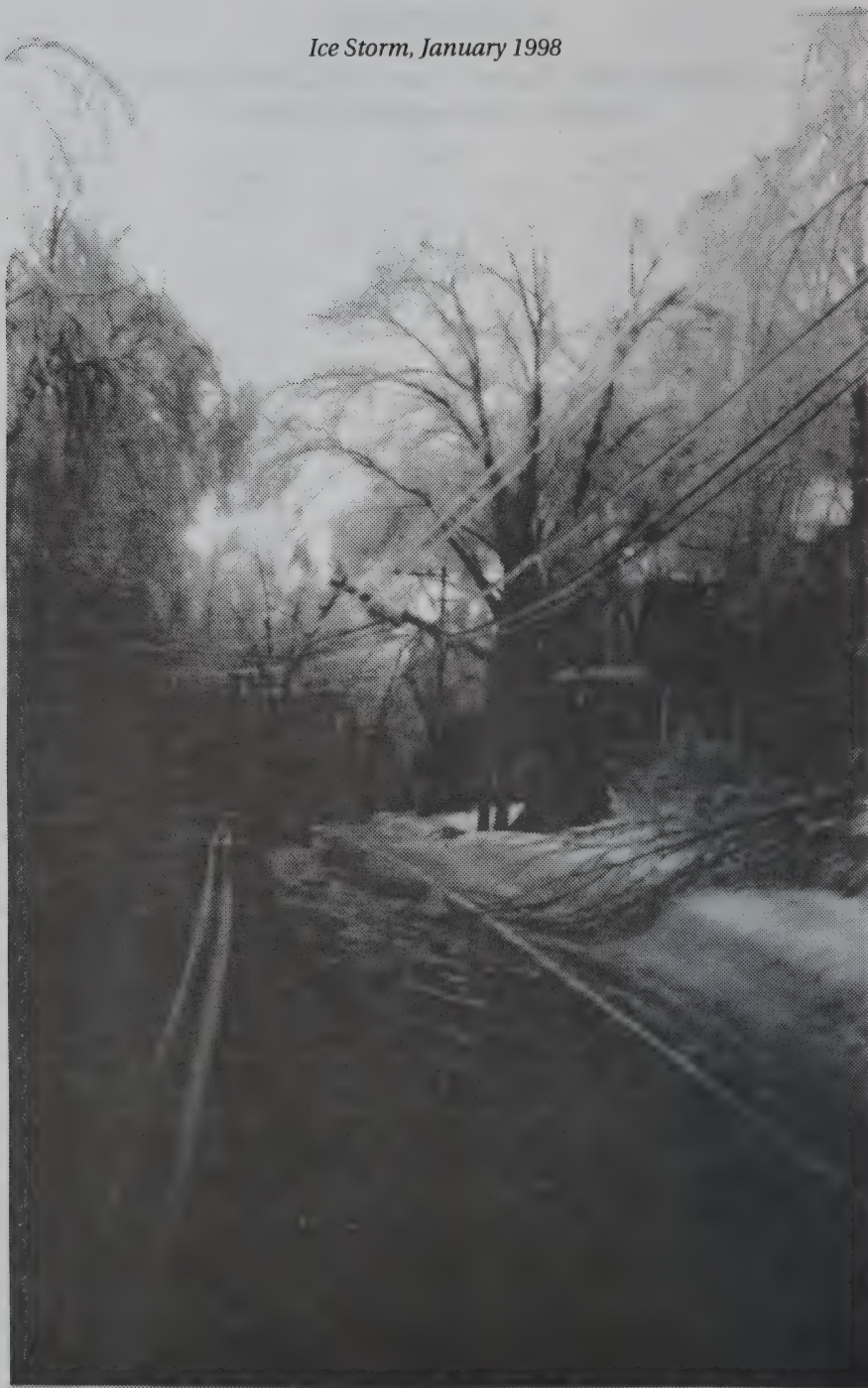
DEATHS

Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH For the Year Ending December 31, 1998

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Name of Father	Name of Mother
January 2	Dorothy Kinter Vankirk	New London, NH	Joseph Allen	Sadie Terhune
February 6	Paul John Diekmann	New London, NH	John Conrad Diekmann	Rosalie Loxterkamp
February 11	Jean T. McCarthy	Newbury, NH	Edward G. Corliss	Mary W. Carlin
June 13	Ralph Donald Turner	New London, NH	Frederick Turner	Ruby Unknown
June 16	Mitchell C. Heller	New London, NH	David Zablocki	Rose Heller
July 15	Richard James Savage	Newbury, NH	Arthur L. Savage	Maryann Reid
July 25	Robert Joseph Milliard	New London, NH	Joseph Milliard	Hazel Sperry
September 6	Theresa Bernice Ayer	Newbury, NH	Wilmer Roscoe Hersey	Margaret Weatherbee
September 12	James McKinley Wright	Newbury, NH	Charles A. Wright	Eliza Hoy
November 15	Dorothy Kelly Coleman	New London, NH	William Kelly	Mable Boyle
December 3	Charlotte Evelyn Rankin	Newbury, NH	George H. Rigby	Jane Anne Davenport
December 10	George Robert Mellen	Newbury, NH	George A. Mellen	Alice Kasche
December 15	George Mapes Schroder	Newbury, NH	George Schroder	Helen Mapes
December 19	Edward Arthur Monckton	Newbury, NH	George A. Monckton	Katherine Donigan

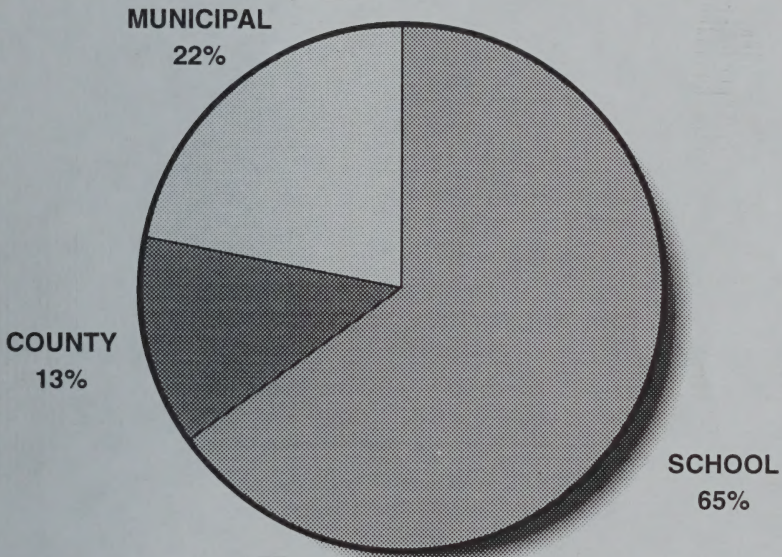
*I hereby certify that the above is correct
according to the best of my knowledge and
belief. Linda Champy, Town Clerk*

Ice Storm, January 1998



YOUR TAX DOLLARS

1998



School Tax	\$11.22
County Tax	2.19
Municipal Tax	3.93
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	\$17.34

NEWBURY SERVICE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

FIRE DEPARTMENT (*non-emergency*) 763-4403

POLICE STATION (*non-emergency*) 763-4104

POLICE DISPATCH 763-2221

After calling for Emergency Help please turn on all outside lights both during the day and at night to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outdoors to meet the responding units.

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and Tax Collector's Office 763-5326

Monday 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Forest Fire Warden Dave Smith 938-5925

Town Highway Department 938-5494

*Planning Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday
of each month at the Town Office*

Library 763-5803

Monday 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday Noon - 5:00 p.m.

NEWBURY TRANSFER STATION 763-2289

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.